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OVER 90 KILLED IN MYANMAR IN BLOODIEST DAY OF PROTEST

The reprisal, coinciding with the 76th Armed Forces Day, came barely 24 hours after media warned that agitators could be shot in the head

JUNTA REITERATES PROMISE TO HOLD ELECTION

Touted as a flashpoint, the Armed Forces Day event saw junta leader Min Aung Hlaing calling the protests as acts of 'terrorism'. In his speech, Hlaing reiterated a promise to hold elections, without giving any time-frame. Eight countries — Russia, China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand — sent representatives to the event, while Russia sent a minister

MILITIA KILLS NINE IN RETALIATORY STRIKE

- The Karen National Union, an ethnic armed group, said it had overrun an army post near the Thai border, killing 10 people, including a lieutenant colonel, and losing one of its fighters
- Skirmishes took place in Sagaing, Yangon, Mandalay and Lashio. A one-year-old baby was shot in the eye with a rubber bullet | **P9**

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PROTESTERS KILLED SO FAR IN THE MILITARY CRACKDOWN

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Bengal sees 80% turnout

3% less than 2016 as most migrant workers don't return to cast vote

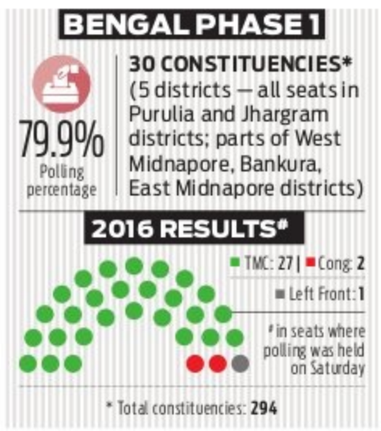
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

A robust 80% voter turnout was recorded in the first phase of Assembly polls in West Bengal on Saturday. The polling was expected to be much higher but it turned out to be around 3% less than that of the previous Assembly polls. Rising Covid-19 cases and the failure of migrant workers — who had left the state after public transport was thrown open following a prolonged lockdown — to return and exercise their franchise are the major reasons for the drop in turnout. A senior TMC leader said the absence of migrant workers might hurt their chances.

"It was expected that Bengalis working in other states will support us because of the hardship they faced due to the lockdown," he said. For an example, in 2016, Jhargram constituency had recorded 86% polling, but this time, the figure dropped to 80.55%.

The BJP believes it has an upper hand as it had won most of the Parliamentary seats in the region in the 2019 general elections. Voting was held in 30 Assembly segments out of 294 with 191 candidates in the fray. Over 70 lakh electorates were on the rolls to exercise their franchise. The 30 seats that went to polls on Saturday included all the 18 constituencies that had voted in the first phase in 2016, too.

Assam, which also went to polls on Saturday, recorded 76.89% turnout in the first phase for 47 seats. Analysts attributed the high turnout to competitive politics. "Last time, the aspirational votes resulted in high turnout. This time, it is due to the competitive politics," political analyst Akhil Ranjan Dutta of Gauhati University said. P7


BENGAL PHASE 1
79.9%
Polling percentage
30 CONSTITUENCIES*
(5 districts — all seats in Purulia and Jhargram districts; parts of West Midnapore, Bankura, East Midnapore districts)
2016 RESULTS#
TMC: 27 | Cong: 2
Left Front: 1
in seats where polling was held on Saturday
* Total constituencies: 294

Voters undergo thermal scanning at a polling station in Jhargram, Bengal, on Saturday | PTI

CD-gate: Woman used as pawn in politics, say parents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IN a curious turn of events, family members of the woman in the purported sleaze CD involving former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, have accused Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D K Shivakumar of using her for his "dirty politics".

The woman's parents and her brother, who appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in Bengaluru on Saturday, spoke to the media and hit out at Shivakumar for "using a girl from the ST community" for his political gains. Stating that they have given all evidence about Shivakumar's involvement to the SIT, the family pleaded with the police to ensure her safe return.

The SIT on Saturday video-recorded the statements of the family and also in written format over five hours.

The woman's father, who claimed that he was an ex-serviceman, alleged that the Congress leader had sent his daughter to Goa with money. He also hoped that the police will provide them adequate protection and requested their daughter to return.

I have nothing to do with the CD case. Let them investigate the case as per law and punish the guilty

D K Shivakumar, KPCC president

The woman's brother said, "She had come home on February 5, and spent good time with the family for a couple of days. But she has not been in contact for 20 days and her phone has remained switched off."

This came even as the woman released a fourth video statement seeking protection for her family members and stated that she was feeling tortured to the extent that she wanted to end her life.

Meanwhile, a group of Congress workers tried to barge into Jarakiholi's residence in Sadashivanagar around 7.30 pm on Saturday and shouted slogans against him, demanding his arrest. They were taken into preventive custody and later released. FULL REPORT: P4

VOTERS TORN BETWEEN DADA AND DIDI

Ear to the Ground
WEST BENGAL

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA @ Nandigram

IF this is a war of ideas, and not a mere electoral mud-wrestling match of the usual sort, then Nandigram is the epicentre. It's a place-name that has already seared itself into the pages of Indian political history. But that was a decade ago, when it was an outlier. In 2021, Nandigram offers a different picture — a small, sharp-focused microcosmic picture of West Bengal politics as it's being played right now.

The people of Nandigram are divided. Along voting lines— which can be a euphemism for 'along religious lines'. They are also pulled by contrasting loyalties: their allegiance to 'Dada' and 'Didi'. The latter needs no explanation. Mamata Banerjee is Didi for not just Nandigram — which votes in the second phase of a long-drawn poll process — but for all of West Bengal, even India to some extent. Dada is Suvendu Adhikari, her Nandigram custodian-turned-challenger.

Suvendu may not yet have attained the eminence of a 'Dada' for the larger Bengal polity, but there's no doubting his stature here. Anything that has happened or not happened in Nandigram has his stamp on it.

That's not counting his cutouts, popping out from amidst cropland, smiling at passing vehicles with a chutzpah that's almost breathtaking, bordering on arrogance in a qualitative way. Suvendu and the Adhikari family have a close relation with these farmlands of Nandigram. He is credited with spearheading the Bhumi Uchhed Pratirodh Committee—now, that one committee not only ensured the chemical hub planned by the then Buddhadeb Bhattacharya government never materialised, it virtually led to the 'uchhed' (uprooting) of the 34-year-long Left Front government in Bengal. In that election and in the years that followed, Suvendu became the Dada, replacing the Left's Laxman Seth. It's as if he has now come to claim ownership of the very croplands he once struggled to save.

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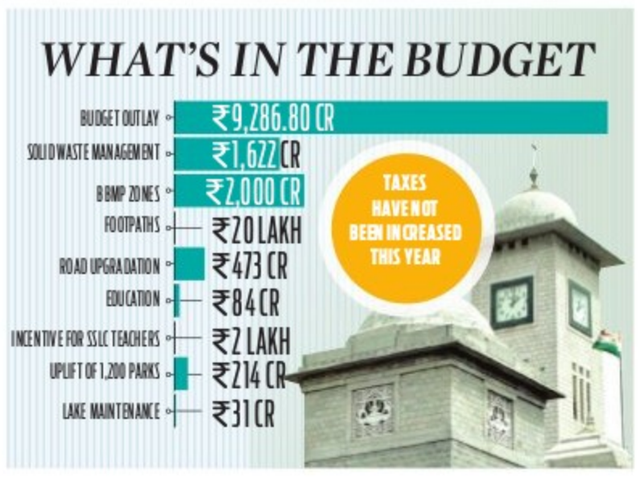
B'LURU CIVIC BODY PLANS TO CONVERT ALL 'B' KHATAS TO 'A'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

RESIDENTS of Bengaluru can soon hope to have clear property documents. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) budget for 2021-22, which was presented on Saturday, notes that the civic body is collaborating with the Revenue Department of the State Government for conversion of all 'B' Khata properties to 'A' Khata.

Palike Administrator Gaurav Gupta said, "This will translate into a more transparent system and result in orderly growth of the city."

The Khata is a property ownership document, based on which taxes are computed. It includes location, size of the property, owner's name, built-up area and details. With the expansion of the city, many illegal construction were brought under the jurisdiction of the civic body and hence, a separate register was maintained to collect taxes from such properties, and these came under B Khata. Essentially, a piece of property with 'B' Khatha is a non-BBMP approved construction and banks are hesitant to extend loans on such properties.


WHAT'S IN THE BUDGET
BUDGET OUTLAY ₹9,286.80 CR
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ₹1,622 CR
BBMP ZONES ₹2,000 CR
FOOTPATHS ₹20 LAKH
ROAD UPGRADATION ₹473 CR
EDUCATION ₹84 CR
INCENTIVE FOR SSLC TEACHERS ₹2 LAKH
UPLIFT OF 1,200 PARKS ₹214 CR
LAKE MAINTENANCE ₹31 CR
TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN INCREASED THIS YEAR

A proposal to have a single type of Khata was taken up in last year's budget too. It is now in the final stages and will be a reality soon. This will help bring uniformity in property tax collection, BBMP officials added.

In July 2019, the BBMP had written to State Government to convert over 3.80 lakh properties in the city from 'B' Khata to 'A' Khata to increase the corporation's revenue. In February 2021, 12 former mayors submitted a letter to the civic body asking to clear all hurdles in converting 'B' Khata properties to 'A' Khata. The proposal was stuck with the State Government as the Supreme Court was hearing the matter along with Akrama Sakrama Scheme, wherein the government plans to legalise some types of illegal properties.

Gaurav Gupta said that he take into consideration the former mayors' proposals on Khata conversion. In the budget speech, he said, "More details will be shared once it is finalised and the necessary orders are put in place." CONTINUED ON: P3

EXPRESS READ

No yardstick for dying declaration: SC
New Delhi: The Supreme Court has said that there can be "no rigid standard or yardstick" for acceptance or rejection of dying declaration, which can form the basis for conviction if made voluntarily.

Covovax trials begin: Poonawalla
New Delhi: Serum Institute of India CEO Adar Poonawalla on Saturday said clinical trials of Covid vaccine Covovax have begun in India and the firm hopes to launch it by September this year. P7

REFORM DYNAMICS
The second day of the ThinkEdu Conclave saw Principal Economic Advisor Sanjeev Sanyal speak about ego not coming in the way of fixing the flaws in reform policies. In another session, the higher education secretary said the Centre may alter the criteria to qualify for Institute of Eminence tag | P5

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K'taka Covid curve rising sharply, 2.8k new cases in a day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA is now inching towards recording 3,000 Covid-19 cases a day, with the state reporting 2,886 fresh cases on Saturday. The number of active covid cases in the state crossed 20,000 after nearly three months. The last time Karnataka witnessed more than 20,000 active cases was in the second week of December. Bengaluru accounted for about 63% of the cases with 1,820 fresh cases and 14,671 active cases.

Meanwhile, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar warned people that the state's positivity rate has gone up to 2.68%, which is higher than the national rate. He also hinted at more restrictions and stringent action for violations in the coming days. "Eight to 10 states have more active cases and Karnataka is one among them. People should exercise caution. I have requested the CM to take necessary measures to prevent spread of infection in schools and educational institutions. The CM himself will take action in this regard," he added. P4

PANDORA'S BOX

Centre's 'meddling' affecting states' unity: Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

SURPRISING as it may seem, this barb didn't come from the Opposition. Amid arguments around Central interference in State subjects, it was none other than a minister in BJP-ruled Karnataka who called out the Union Government for "encroaching" upon subjects in the State and Concurrent Lists of the Constitution, leaving Karnataka and other states like Tamil Nadu at a disadvantage.

Minor Irrigation Minister **J C Madhuswamy**, who was recently relieved of the Law and Parliamentary Affairs ministry, minced no words when he said that the "authoritarian policies" of the Central Government has hurt the unity between states and is fuelling regionalism in the country. For good measure, he even asked Bengaluru South MP and party colleague Tejasvi Surya, who was present at the event, to raise the issue in Parliament.

"We should have become liberalised with progression. Instead, it is becoming centralised. The policy of pulling down progressive states to the level of under-developed ones is similar to the policies of Indira Gandhi, which we ourselves criticised then," he said at a seminar on 'National Integration and Regional Freedom', hosted by the Akhila Bharatiya Sharana Sahitya Parishad in Mysuru on Saturday.

To buttress his argument, he cited the examples of NEET and CET, alleging that students from Karnataka and in-service doctors wanting to pursue higher education are at disadvantage while students from other states populate institutions here. CONTINUED ON: P2

Education is a State subject, and yet it was interfered with. As a result, many from the north are populating medical seats here while leaving several seats vacant, which should have gone to locals. This will trigger a dearth of specialist doctors

J C Madhuswamy, Minor Irrigation Minister

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• Nakshatra: Utthara Phalguni 5.51 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
• Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 34°C
FORECAST
Cloudy

Sunrise 6.18 am
Sunset 6.31 pm
Moonrise 5.58 pm
Moonset 6.18 am

WHEN A DREAM TAKES WING

A group of eight enthusiasts designed and built a seaplane from scratch

PRAKASH SAMAGA @Udupi

THREE months ago, Drithi took to the skies, gliding over the serene waters of the Shambhavi, in Hejamady village in coastal Karnataka. Sleek and shiny, the lean, mean, human-made machine was Pushparaj Ameen's decade-old dream come to life.

Pushparaj developed Drithi, a lightweight five-metre-long micro seaplane, with seven other aeromodelling enthusiasts. All the work was pretty much done in his backyard.

"If you ask me where we made this seaplane, the answer would be: My backyard. We had nothing that could be called a sophisticated workshop. We had a very limited number of tools, but plenty of ideas. The fabrication was done on the terrace and we assembled it in my backyard," Pushparaj (38) says.

Cut to Shayani Rao, a lecturer at a private engineering college in Mangaluru. "I was surprised at how aeronautical engineering is taught in classrooms. There is no practical exposure. So, I decided to get in touch with someone who could give my students and me hands-on experience in building a plane. That's when I met Pushparaj Ameen," Shayani says.

Pushparaj studied engineering at Vijaya College in Mulki, and graduated in 1992. He worked with ENR Model Aircraft in Bengaluru for several years before becoming an NCC instructor. For the past 10 years, he has researched seaplanes to figure out their weight-lifting capacity, glide ratio, materials required, and other nitty-gritty.

One person got in touch with another and soon, aeromodelling enthusiasts Vinaya U, Vasuraj Ameen, Abhishek M Kotian, Ustav Umesh, Reshma G Bangera, Shayani Rao and Ashwini Rao connected with Pushparaj and they began to work together in November 2019. One year of hard work resulted in a single-seater 120-kg plane with a wingspan of 35 feet, built with mostly locally available materials and aviation grade aluminium, extruded foam, fibre cloth and a 33HP Italian-made engine.

(Seated, from left) Vinaya U, Pushparaj Ameen, Abhishek Kotian; (Standing, from left) Utsav U, Manish Poojary, Vasuraj Ameen, Ashwini Rao, Shayani Rao, Reshma Bangera with their seaplane in the Shambhavi river

"There were times when we found faults while developing the plane, and had to do course correction," Pushparaj says.

However, all's well that ends well. Drithi has currently logged seven hours of flight along the backwaters of the Shambhavi river. It does not require any permissions as the aircraft's flying height is just 15 feet. It can be upgraded into a two-seater plane with a 50HP engine, Pushparaj says.

While a crowdfunding campaign fetched them Rs 15,000, the group members pooled in their own money for most of the Rs 7 lakh that the seaplane cost, said Vinaya U, a trainee pilot at Blue Ray Aviation in Gujarat.

Now that their dream seaplane is a reality, they are looking at what uses it could be put to. "We want to make different types of seaplanes that could be used for tourism and defence. But due to financial constraints, our research is delayed. We hope the government supports us as the seaplane can transform tourism, defence and calamity management," Vinaya says.

Pushparaj chips in: "The aviation sector in our country must be taken to the next level. For that to happen, revolutionary innovations should be encouraged. The government must boost the morale of young researchers like us."

While they hope for support from the government, they too are willing to share their knowledge with students and anyone else willing to learn.

HILLS HUM AGAIN WITH TRIBAL TUNES

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

PADMA is a young woman with a mission. A Soliga tribal, native to the serene valleys of the Western Ghats where folk songs were once a way of life, she is determined to revive the music of the mountains in the hadis of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts.

With her arresting, earthy voice, Padma (24) is called the nightingale of the Western Ghats, and is a celebrity in her own right here. She has taken the music and culture of the hadis to Sweden, performing on an international cultural platform, and has now dedicated herself to preserving and promoting tribal songs, dance and culture.

Padma's life wasn't always like this in the quiet hamlet of Erakana Gadde Podu, in the Biligiri Rangthanathaswamy Hills in Yelandur taluk. She would have been a regular teenager who would complete SSLC and eventually succumb to the lure of urban life, but fate took a different turn. She started out as a chorus singer, learning from her parents Basavaraju and Madamma, who are local performers, she would sing in the kitchen and drum on empty boxes.

It was the visit of former President APJ Abdul Kalam to B R Hills in 2006 that changed the fortunes of this shy girl. She found herself performing before President Kalam and a huge gathering, to overwhelming applause. "I was afraid to go up on stage and tried to run away. But my father pushed me and gave me the courage to sing Gorukana, a tribal song that was cheered by the crowd," she said. Her fears evaporated.

With a new-found confidence, she took to music, and was trained by her parents and musicians of Soliga Pushpamala Kala Sangha. Wildlife activist Malleshappa and GlobalKulture founder Arun Sivag, who work with the tribals of B R Hills, were keen to tap Padma's talent, and enrolled her in Striswara, a programme to showcase talent in women. They funded her visit to Sweden in 2015 to present Soliga tribal songs and dance at a cultural exchange programme.

"Though I was happy to go to Sweden, poor exposure to western culture and English made me weep for the first five days. However, Arun translated everything for me and encouraged me to give my best. The folk songs, lyrics and music enthralled the crowd and we won the hearts of the Swedish people. It was a different experience. I'm happy that I showcased my culture on an international platform," said Padma.

Padma (right), with her group of musicians | EXPRESS

Her return from Sweden set her on a new path: to train teams of tribal girls and boys in Kollegal, Hanur, Yelandur and Chamarajanagar taluks in folk songs, dance and to play indigenous instruments. She now has about 200 students who perform at the Soliga Festival in B R Hills, and have dedicated themselves to nurturing and spreading the rich local culture.

She has her own musical troupe, which performs at weddings, naming ceremonies and temple rituals. Her music lifts the spirits of the occasion, with fellow tribals joining in the singing and celebrations. Her repertoire contains dozens of tribal and folk songs which her family has collected while wandering through remote hamlets, setting them to tune and propagating them through live performances. Padma, with no formal training in music, has mastered them and dreams of being a playback singer, besides setting up a tribal music school that would be the nucleus of cultural activities of the tribal community.

Padma's concern is that any further neglect would pose a threat to their heritage, and she wants every child to pursue formal studies and have a basic knowledge of medicinal herbs and shrubs, their traditional foods, and of course, the rustic tunes.

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— Padma,
Soliga singer and musician

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THE ANTIDOTE

ANTI-VENOM NEEDS TO BE REGION-SPECIFIC, FINDS IISc STUDY

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

COMMERCIALLY available anti-venom for Russell's viper was effective for most snakes of this species, despite variations in toxicity and composition due to geographical factors, said a study by the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES), Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

The study, recently published in the PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases journal, aimed to understand why common anti-venom did not work in most snakebite cases. While the anti-venom worked against most species of Russel's viper, the exceptions were vipers found in the semi-aird regions of North India. However, the researchers warned that their findings were not indicative of whether or not the anti-venom would protect one from life-long injuries caused due to Russell's viper bites.

"Snakebites in India result in over 58,000 deaths and a vast number of morbidities annually. A majority of these clinically severe complications caused due to snakebites are attributed to Russell's viper," they said.

Researchers used two methods to to check the efficacy of anti-venom. In the first method, they held an 'in-vitro' venom recognition experiment, to study the binding of the anti-venom to the venom protein. In the second method, the 'in-vivo' neutralisation assay, researchers injected mice with mice to check if the anti-venom worked.

Russell's viper (Daboia russelii) is among the 'big four' major killer snakes in the world. The other three being cobra (Naja Naja), common krait (Bungarus Caeruleus) and the saw-scaled viper (Echis Carinatus).

Interestingly, a previous study by the researchers revealed the complete opposite for cobras. Researchers had found a similar variation of venom in various locations for cobras. However, the commercially available anti-venom did not work for most of them.

Researchers suggest that for anti-venom treatment to be effective, it has to be developed based on the region, especially in snakebite hotspots in India.

They suggested a long term strategy, developing an anti-venom that would work pan-India, after gathering adequate information about all kinds of venom.

Don't play Holi with stray animals, pets: Experts

DONA DEY @Bengaluru

HOLI, the festival of colours, is here and so is the second wave of Covid. Though the State Government has banned public gatherings, including the celebration of festivals, citizens are planning low-key Holi celebration this time. But there is a concern among animal lovers, veterinarians and activists as every year, hundreds of stray animals and pets are splashed with colours, which amounts to cruelty.

"Most of the chemicals used in Holi colours and paints are toxic and carcinogenic, both for humans and animals. Animals, however, are more prone to get sick. Festival of colours is accepted, but it shouldn't include animals," said Dr Shahid Vaseem, chief veterinarian, The TrustiVet Pet Hospital, Bengaluru.

"There are many instances of strays and pets being brought to us with colour hypersensitive reactions. We also get cases where owners have used petroleum products to remove foreign elements like chewing gums stuck on their pets. Use of colours on animals can have fatal after-effects, the most common being cancer and gastrointestinal problems," he added.

As Bengaluru gets warmer every day, members of the Cubbon Park Walkers Association fill stone pots with water for birds, on Saturday | MEGHANA SASTRY

"We see people putting colours on their pet dogs, including tikas. Also, numerous pet grooming centres offer colouring of pets, saying the colours used are organic. No colour can be organic," said Debadrita Ghosh, founder, Precious Paws Foundation.

Dr Vaseem said, "Colours can be only organic when they are plant-based extracts. All the colours you get in the market are made of chemicals, mostly using charcoal or chalk-based agents. Applying tika on pets is sentimental for the owners, but it is still not advised."

Canine Behaviour Consultant Sowjanya S Vijaynagar said, "Although community animals are used to people crowding around them, during festivals, they experience an overwhelming sensory overload. This may not show immediate implications, but can have lasting repercussions on their interactions with people."

Sowjanya, also the founder of Dog Pawmise, said, "We as humans are non-intuitive and forget that animals' consent plays a large role when they are approached. It's not like animals really want to be part of our festivals. Parents and community at large should educate children about animal interaction and ethical concerns. Kids are more receptive to kindness and empathy."

Madhuswamy's claims a paradox, says Tejasvi Surya

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"EDUCATION is a State subject, and yet it was interfered with. As a result, many from the north are populating medical seats here while leaving several seats vacant, which should have gone to local candidates. This will trigger a dearth of specialist doctors in the state in next four years," Minister J C Madhuswamy rued.

The minister also cited the interventions by Tamil Nadu to bring reservation for in-service doctors from that state in post-graduate courses and added that despite being 'nationalist', Karnataka has not even taken such a step.

He also pointed out to the absence of Kannadigas working in industrial corridors in his constituency as well as in Bengaluru, despite those companies enjoying the land, loans and infrastructure from the state.

A feeling of unity will arise only when one is given their rightful share, he said and pointed out to the deficit of development in North-Eastern states, Jammu & Kashmir and also in Kodagu district in Karnataka. "We have failed in administration too, since an issue like uniformity in revenue records is yet to be rectified since independence," he added.

Terming Madhuswamy's claims a paradox, **Tejasvi Surya** countered him by citing the regional disparity within the state in areas like Kalyana Karnataka and Bengaluru-Old Mysuru regions. He sought to justify resource diversion from developed states to the developing ones by equating it with a similar situation between the north and southern districts of Karnataka.

Tejasvi also pointed out that none of the states have introduced the Sarkaria Commission recommendations and set up inter-state councils to manage Concurrent matters. He also blamed socialism for the issues over resources in the country which, according to him, limited their availability.

EXPRESS READ

India the best place to build your future: DyCM

Bengaluru: The world is facing great challenges, particularly the Covid-19 pandemic which has changed the world, said Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan at the annual convocation ceremony of Alliance University, that conferred degrees on over 4,500 students on Saturday. "India has become a country with a lot of potential and the economy will double in the next four years. India is the best place to build your future and do well," he said. **ENS**

Levels of antibodies and the duration of immunity vary in people who recover from Covid-19, finds a new study published in the Lancet

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Each pourakarmika to be given **₹5,000** on Dr BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary.

₹7.50 cr dedicated to this

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NOT SO BRUHAT BUDGET, BUT PEOPLE WILL HAVE BIGGER SAY

City gets Rs 9,286 cr; focus on decentralising funds, decision-making, accountability

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BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Administrator Gaurav Gupta on Saturday presented a budget with an outlay of Rs 9,286.80 crore for 2021-22, with the focus on decentralising funds and accountability at the zonal and ward level.

The outlay for the coming fiscal year, however, is lower compared to the previous two years, with Rs 10,716 crore allocated in 2020-21 and Rs 10,688 crore in 2019-20. While citizens have welcomed a 'citizen-friendly' budget, experts say the budget leaves a lot to be desired as it is largely a rehash of what was proposed in the past.

A citizen, who declined to be named, was critical of the budget being presented by the BBMP Administrator. "Elected representatives must be a part of the budget as they bring an overall perspective. This helps bring in a balance which is missing," the citizen said.

The budget announced that decision-making on maintenance of various assets and public utilities would be made at the zonal level, and Rs 2,000 crore has been allocated for the purpose. Administrative decisions involving financial resources, too, will now be made at the zonal level.

According to Srinivas Alavilli, head of civic participation at NGO Janaagraha, this is a good move. "Compared to the past few years, we seem to have a more realistic budget. The new BBMP Act introduced zonal councils, and the budget allocation strengthens that system. Success depends on ward committees and zonal councils taking ownership. Giving a share of property tax to ward committees is a small but very progressive step forward. The allocations per ward for footpath maintenance also shows clear intent to give funds and functions to the ward committee," he said.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad (left), Administrator Gaurav Gupta and Special Commissioner Tulasi Maddineni release the budget book on Saturday | EXPRESS

SANITATION

Solid Waste Management, which also saw a major mention in the recently presented State Budget, got a huge chunk at Rs 1,622 crore, which includes funds to build 67 new toilets across the city. Laying emphasis on Mission 2022, BBMP has set aside Rs 473 crore to upgrade 191km of roads to the standard of national highways.

HEALTH

The civic body has allocated Rs 337 crore for health, to combat the second wave of Covid infections in Bengaluru. This will be in addition to funds from the state government. The Palike said BBMP would partner with private medical colleges to provide specialist doctors at BBMP-run hospitals, to provide multi-speciality care in hospitals and improve facilities.

However, Bengaluru Navanirmana Party has criticised the lack of focus on health.

"Primary and preventive healthcare is extremely important, but has been completely ignored in the past. BBMP needs to allocate at least 5% of the budget for healthcare. Also, every ward needs a dedicated primary health centre and a 24x7 ambulance, and they should have provided this," the party said in a release.

Air pollution -- which according to some estimates claimed 12,000 lives last year -- also found a mention in the budget. BBMP has set aside Rs 279 crore for air quality management. The forest department will get Rs 39 crore to plant saplings and nourish trees.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

For the first time, citizens' participation has received formal recognition in the budget through the ward-level footpath allocation of Rs 20 lakh per ward, as a part of the MyCity-MyBudget campaign. Also, prize money of Rs 50 lakh has been sanctioned for ward committees for innovations in solid waste management.

Gupta also said that from now on, the new BBMP Act would be in force, and an online system will be in place for citizens to give feedback.

Srikanth Viswanathan, CEO of Janaagraha, said that BBMP needed more funds. "The elements of citizen participation and decentralisation of funds to zones and wards are most welcome. However, the current status of meagre funds and staffing is adversely impacting Bengaluru. Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation manages half the area of BBMP, possibly one-third the road length, but has more than three times its budget. BBMP will need a budget size of at least Rs 30,000 crore, and the capacity and systems to utilize funds well, to break the current status quo."

CITY FOR PEDESTRIANS

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YELLOW SPOTS AND WALKING WOES

9,706 inputs sent by citizens from Dec 20- Jan 2021

4,925 inputs for public toilets, eradication of yellow spots (public urination)

4,781 inputs for footpath upgrade

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IT appears the BBMP is listening to citizens who are concerned about the pathetic state of footpaths. After its 'My City, My Budget' campaign drew 9,706 inputs -- with many seeking better footpaths -- the civic body has allocated Rs 20 lakh per ward to repair sidewalks, towards the mission 'Footpaths For Citizens'.

BBMP Administrator Gaurav Gupta said, "We want to encourage citizens to participate in ward-level meetings to make decisions. Our goal is to ensure 1,000 km of walkable footpaths, with at least 5 km per ward, using these funds. Non-motorised transport initiatives like cycle lanes and pedestrian pathways would be taken up."

Sapna Karim, head, civic participation, Janaagraha, said, "True participation begins now, with citizens working with Ward Committees in realising the vision of 1,000 km of safe footpaths. Ward Committees and citizens can now identify areas in their wards to improve footpaths."

"Allocation for footpaths and local roads have limited impact without coordination between multiple agencies working on roads, like BWSSB, Smart City Project, Bescom etc. Budget zonal devolutions are good but CfB has been demanding zonal coordination committees so there is real impact on repairs and construction," Tara Krishnaswamy of Citizens for Bengaluru said.

Palike plans to raise ₹ 1,500 cr

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ACCORDING to the BBMP, over five lakh properties are registered under 'B' Khata and the Palike plans to raise over Rs 1,500 crore tax revenue from them.

In the 2021-2022 budget, the BBMP has not increased the tax rates due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, to mobilise more resources, better enforcement of unassessed properties will be done vigorously to bring them under the tax net and zonal classification will be reviewed.

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S.M.O.P No. 96/2019 In I.A. No. 50/2021

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Lashing out at Congress, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on Saturday said that the party does not believe in any ideology or principles. "Congress says it is against communalism ... and enters into an alliance with Shiv Sena," he said, adding that Congress lacked a good leadership to face the elections. He was attending a BJP preparatory meeting ahead of bypolls in Belagavi

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

It is important for the government not to lose time. We should expect the surge and get the human resources required - Dr V Ravi

'SECOND WAVE WILL BE WORSE THAN FIRST'

CHETANA BELAGERE
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THE number of Covid cases in Karnataka has increased tenfold since the beginning of March from 250 per day to nearly 2,800 a day. **Renowned virologist and Nodal Officer for Genomic Confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 in Karnataka, Dr V Ravi**, in an exclusive interview with *The New Sunday Express*, talks about the second wave and when it will peak in the state. Being the only Indian on the International Scientific Advisory Board for Russia's Sputnik vaccine, he also gives details of the progress in trials of the vaccine and when it is expected in the country.

When is the peak of the second wave in Karnataka, and how bad will it be?
We saw the first surge in August 2020. When Unlock Phase 1 began on June 1, people started coming out and we peaked over the next two months. Now, people are moving about freely, and the lag between an initial surge and peak will be much lesser. In my opinion, it will peak in May. The second wave is going to be much worse than the first one, unless there is some drastic change and people start avoiding public gathering, crowding in close spaces and follow mask norms. It will be foolish to think that the second wave will be milder. We will definitely see a drastic increase in cases and fatality rates will also be similar or worse than the last time.

What can the government do in terms of preparation and containment?
We now know how to treat patients, classify who needs home isolation, who has to be put in ICU care, etc. It is important for the government not to lose time. We should expect the surge and get the human resources required, beds prepared, ICUs free and oxygen facilities intact. People should not delay coming to the hospital. This is crucial.

Will there be a third wave too?
Yes. Definitely. It is now going to be a road with many humps. We should learn to live with them. We may see

third, fourth, fifth and many more waves.

Q&A

New Variant and Variant Of Concern have been the buzzwords. Is that the reason for the surge?
There is a lot of misinformation regarding the terminologies themselves. Variant means a virus where there are mutations and that mutation has resulted in a change in aminoacids. That change in aminoacids is so significant that it is helping the virus spread faster. 'Variant of Concern' (VOC) means a variant that is rapidly spreading and taking over the space that was held by the earlier virus. VOC that we have today are UK, South African and Brazilian variants. You would have seen reports about the 'Double Mutant' in Maharashtra. Is it a VOC? It looks to be. But to call it a VOC, it has to fulfil certain conditions. We need hard data to say the number of people getting infected from an index patient with 'double mutant' is more than the previous one. That means we need excellent tracking and testing data. Otherwise, we need to isolate the virus and conduct experiments in the lab and show that this virus multiplies much more efficiently than the one earlier. Both have not been done in Maharashtra's case.

What are the immediate measures to control the situation?
I would say ban all public functions. Lockdown is an extreme step. Without affecting economic activity, we can do a lot of things, like improving testing, testing and tracing. The human resource we require for this is less now, while earlier, Health, Home, Revenue and Education departments worked together. We need to temporarily pull them back. The government should close down educational institutions that are not facing exams, ban common activities in apartments, allow only alternate seating at cinema halls and keep markets open for longer hours.

What about Sputnik's entry into India? Where are we currently in terms of Indian trials of the vaccine?
The Drug Controller General of India has asked for local data for efficacy. By April-end, we will have the data, while international data is promising. The Central Government should look at fast-tracking the vaccines that have been licensed elsewhere like it did with Covishield and Covaxin. If we are opening the vaccination for people above 45 years, it is quite a big number and we will face a shortage of vaccines. Compressed or bridge trials can be done. Many vaccines, like the one from Johnson and Johnson, are ready and can be approved here.

VIRUS WATCH

With Covid-19 cases on the rise in Bengaluru, a health worker collects the swab sample of a traveller at a bus-stand on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

Udupi, Kalaburagi, Mysuru dists report over 100 cases

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THE State Government has now decided to not allow any kind of public gatherings during upcoming festivals and also jathras/fairs associated with festivals will also not be allowed. An order by the State Government directed the Bengaluru's civic body commissioner and all municipal authorities to ensure that public gatherings and congregations during the festivals like Ugadi, Holi, Shab-e-Barat, Good Friday, etc are not be allowed in public places/public grounds/parks/markets/religious places, etc., in the state.

Meanwhile, in the last 24 hours, the state has conducted 1,07,416 RT-PCR tests. Three other districts, other than Bengaluru Urban, which reported more than 100 cases in the last 24 hours are Udupi with 156 cases, followed by Kalaburagi (147) and Mysuru (131).

A total of 196 Covid patients are in ICUs across the state, including 78 in Bengaluru alone. Also, eight deaths were reported on Saturday. The state has so far vaccinated 33,02,048 beneficiaries.

Siddu smells a rat in Covid data, Sudhakar says not fudging info

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THE State Government and Opposition Congress indulged in a political slugfest over the number of Covid-19 deaths and the government's alleged attempts to hide facts.

Launching a broadside against the government, Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah said, "According to the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Covid deaths till December 2020 are 12,090. But the Planning and Statistical Department data shows it as 22,320. What is true," he asked Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

He demanded that the government release a white paper on Covid infections, deaths, treatment details and compensation paid. "Covid can be won through treatment, and not lies. They have not just lied about deaths, but also about medicines, masks, sanitisers, PPE kits and other procurement," he said.

Sudhakar hit back at Siddaramaiah, saying the government has no intention of hiding the numbers. "It is also not possible to hide or fudge data. All the facts about testing, new cases, recoveries and deaths are collected from districts and compiled in the daily bulletin published by the Health Department. Siddaramaiah is the Opposition leader and he is free to get information from districts and verify it," he said. He said those in responsible positions should not make such allegations for political gains. "It is an insult to Covid warriors," he added. On the number of deaths mentioned by Siddaramaiah, Sudhakar said the figures are provisional entries in e-Janma software which are subject to reconciliation as per the guidelines issued by the Registrar General of India.

The Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths, Karnataka, too, took to Twitter to back Sudhakar, "The verification is near complete and the final figures will be released with the approval of RGI," he said.

According to the Health Department, Covid deaths till December 2020 are 12,090. But the Planning and Statistical Department says it is 22,320.

Siddaramaiah, CLP leader

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Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister

Antibody levels, immunity vary in people: Study

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

LEVELS of antibodies and the duration of immunity vary in people who recover from Covid-19, finds a study published in the Lancet. Titled 'Dynamics of SARS-CoV-2 neutralising antibody responses and duration of immunity: A Longitudinal Study' published on March 23, the study monitored neutralising antibodies in patients up to six months after the onset of symptoms.

Dr Ravindra Mehta, senior consultant and head of pulmonology and interventional pulmonology at Apollo Speciality Hospitals, said in some people, antibody levels dropped fast, but lasted longer in others. In some patients, levels fluctuated and in others, antibodies were present for up to six months.

"Persistence of neutralising antibodies was associated with disease severity and sustained level of pro-inflammatory cytokines, chemokines and growth factor," the study stated.

This means that those who had severe infection, with inflammation caused by cytokine storms, were found to have antibodies up to six months, Dr Mehta said. "In people who had milder infection or were asymptomatic, antibody levels were low. However, T-cell immunity, which is long-term cell immunity, was present in people despite neutralising antibodies going away," he said.

The rate of antibody levels waning suggests reinfection is likely during later waves, limiting the viability of a herd immunity strategy before an effective vaccine, the study stated. "Herd immunity depends on availability of antibodies in a community, but antibodies reduce over a period of time. If the infection is rapid, often T-cells are not able to remember the antibody response as B-cells, which are the neutralising antibodies, take over to fight the present infection," said Dr Sheela Chakravarthy, director for internal medicine at Fortis Hospitals. "As we don't know the response of memory T-cells, it is better to get vaccinated. They will produce neutralising antibodies and booster doses can be given," she said.

The study revealed patients with persistent antibodies were older and had more comorbidities, including hypertension.

Nothing to do with CD case or woman: DKS

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HOURS after the parents of the woman in the CD on Saturday accused him of getting their daughter involved in "dirty politics", KPCC president **D K Shivakumar** said that he has nothing to do with the case and has never met her.

"I have nothing to do with the CD case. Let them investigate the case as per law and punish the guilty," the Congress leader said, responding to the allegations made against him by former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi and the woman's family. "It is their personal issue and they should get it resolved. I would not like to respond to the allegations made out of frustration," said Shivakumar, who was campaigning at Hosur in poll-bound Tamil Nadu.

Earlier in the day, Shivakumar had said that several people come to meet him with their problems and she (woman in the CD) too may have tried to meet him, but he had not met her. In an audio clip that was released to the media on Friday, she had told her family that she had the support of a few Congress leaders and that she was at Shivakumar's residence to meet him.

Shivakumar said he was in touch with Naresh, a former journalist and one of the accused in the case. "Naresh is a journalist and I know him. I had met him several times and had even visited his house and discussed several issues," he said.

NOBODY CAN INFLUENCE SIT PROBE: BASAVARAJ BOMMAI

With the CD gate taking twists and turns every other day, Home Minister **Basavaraj Bommai** said the SIT will thoroughly examine all evidence, including CD, audio and video clips. "Video and audio clips are released like serials. The SIT will thoroughly examine all evidence and investigated the case. The truth will come out," he told reporters. Nobody can influence the SIT in the investigation, the minister added.

CASE LOOKS LIKE CONSPIRACY, HONEY TRAP: JDS

The CD-gate controversy that initially looked like a case of sex scandal and sexual exploitation now looks like a conspiracy and a case of honey trap, JDS has said. In a series of tweets, JDS said a big group seemed to be involved and the police must conduct an impartial probe. "It has put Karnataka to shame before the nation," the JDS stated.

BJP SEEKS SHIVAKUMAR'S RESIGNATION

The state BJP has demanded the resignation of KPCC chief DK Shivakumar after the parents of the woman in the CD accused the Congress leader of allegedly using her for political gains. "You are facing an allegation of using the victim for your political gains. You must immediately resign," BJP Karnataka tweeted. The party questioned senior Congress leaders like Siddaramaiah, Mallikarjun Kharge, Ramesh Kumar and H K Patil for their silence on the issue.

CD ROW HAS PUT GOVT IN EMBARRASSING POSITION: MADHUSWAMY

Commenting on the CD-gate controversy, Minor Irrigation Minister J C Madhuswamy on Saturday said that the episode, though not a black mark on the government, has certainly put it in an embarrassing situation. He said in Mysuru that the government should not have shouldered the blame and instead, dismissed it as a personal matter of an individual to limit the damage. Asked about the allegations made against KPCC president DK Shivakumar, Madhuswamy said he does not subscribe to it.

Ramesh Jarkiholi ready to beat 'Mahanayaka in Kanakapura'

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AFTER three suspenseful weeks, former Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi on Saturday named a "politician from Kanakapura" as the key person behind the sleaze CD conspiracy. He said he would file a complaint with the SIT against this "Mahanayaka", and would push for his arrest. He also threatened to contest from Kanakapura, and beat the politician on his own turf.

Taking a jibe at the politician, whom he declined to name, Jarkiholi said the "Mahanayaka was a 'nalayak' (useless person)."

He also thanked the parents of the woman who is purportedly seen in the CD, for giving him a clean chit. "I am innocent, and I thank them for it," he told the media here. An emotionally charged Jarkiholi said, "In my entire life and career, neither me nor my family members have cheated any woman."

Having dropped enough hints that the "kingpin" was none other than KPCC president DK Shivakumar, Jarkiholi said, "I will contest against him in Kanakapura. I will give up my Gokak seat to my brother, and I am willing to join hands with anyone, even H D Kumaraswamy, to contest in Kanakapura. It is an open challenge... There is a law in this country, see what happened in the DSP Ganapathy case."

Continuing with his charges against Shivakumar, Jarkiholi said, "He never mentioned that he knows the woman. In the CD released yesterday, it is clear that she is in conversation with her parents and mentions Shivakumar's name twice. Now he is telling the media that he didn't meet the woman, and that she went to meet him."

Shivakumar reportedly told the media that at least 10 people come to meet him every day, and she was one of them, and also that he knew Naresh Gowda, the journalist involved in the expose.

Claiming that he had more evidence to nail the conspirators, which he would hand over to the SIT, Jarkiholi said, "I have 11 pieces of evidence, like the CD that was released yesterday in which the woman was speaking to her parents and brother." It is an open secret that Jarkiholi has employed detectives for this case.

On the role of politicians within the BJP who may have conspired against him, he said he would reveal their names to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

At the end of the press briefing, when asked about the safety of the "mystery woman in the CD", Jarkiholi said, "If she dies, DK Shivakumar is responsible for it."

Former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi addresses the media outside his residence in Bengaluru on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

I will contest against him in Kanakapura. I will give up my Gokak seat to my brother, and I am willing to join hands with anyone, even H D Kumaraswamy, to contest in Kanakapura. It is an open challenge... There is a law in this country, see what happened in the DSP Ganapathy case — Ramesh Jarkiholi, Gokak MLA

Journo told me to get help of Oppn leaders: Woman

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THE woman seen in the CD with former minister Ramesh Jarkoholi released a fourth video on Saturday, saying that a journalist whom she contacted told her that they should meet opposition leaders and get their help to tide over the controversy, as Ramesh was threatening her and her family.

Family members of the woman, seen in the CD, address the media outside the SIT office, in Bengaluru on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

The woman said that she would commit suicide naming Jarkiholi as responsible for her death if the threats continue. She asked the SIT to bring her parents and brothers to Bengaluru and arrange for their protection before she appears at the SIT office.

Her advocate KN Jagadish Kumar, who approached the Cubbon Park police on Friday to file a case against the former minister, said that Ramesh should be arrested immediately after the woman gives a statement to the SIT.

He said Ramesh's statement that nothing is impossible for him proves that he can destroy evidence. Kumar filed another complaint against Ramesh.

The complaint, addressed to the Bengaluru Police Commissioner and Cubbon Park police, stated that Ramesh tried to threaten the woman. "He also leaked an audio conversation of the woman, violating her privacy. Is he using the government machinery to illegally intercept the phones of the woman and her family," he asked.

FROM THE HC

Lok Adalat may cover domestic violence cases

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CHIEF Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka on Saturday said that they were mulling including different categories of cases, like those under the Maintenance and Welfare of Senior Citizens Act and Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, under the purview of the Lok Adalat, an alternative disputes resolution mechanism.

He was delivering the presidential address at the inaugural session of the mega Lok Adalat organised by the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA).

At presently, cases under the the Motor Vehicles Act, accidents, matters related to financial institutions, criminal compoundable cases, are being settled through Lok Adalat amicably at no cost.

Referring to a suggestion by KSLSA Executive Chairman Justice Aravind Kumar, Justice Oka said, "We have a very efficient arbitration and mediation centre in Karnataka. Perhaps we have neglected one part, that is conciliation. The thought process has started now to commence conciliation either through establishing a conciliation centre or by entrusting the responsibility to the arbitration and mediation Centre"

Delivering the inaugural address, Justice N Santosh Hegde, former judge of the Supreme Court, said that merely increasing the number of fora/courts and judges will not solve the problem, but it will only create a new one. "We have to look into the increasing number of cases and how 'speculative litigation' is a burden to the justice delivery system. We must start thinking how there could be an end to the litigation and finding a way out of pending cases," Justice Hegde said.

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History-sheeter hacked to death

Bengaluru: A 32-year-old history-sheeter was hacked to death and his friend was injured when a gang of armed men attacked them at Gangondahalli in Chandra Layout. The deceased, Syed Wasim, was a resident of JJ Nagar. The injured, Abdul, is in a critical state in a private hospital. A police officer said Abdul, a cloth merchant, had a fight with the accused, Saifullah, over a trivial matter on Thursday. Chandra Layout police filed a case of murder and attempt-to-murder. ENS

'NEP IS NOT IMPOSING THE IDEA OF ONE NATION, ONE LANGUAGE'

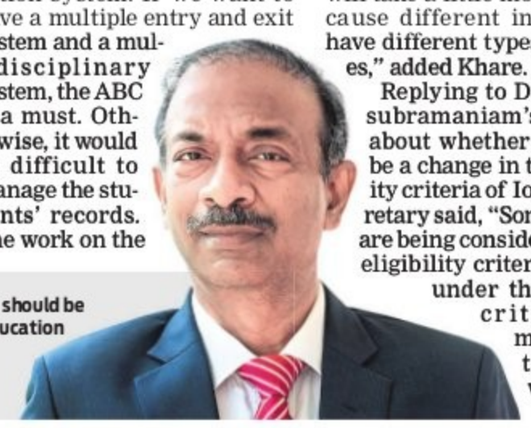
The beauty of this policy is the flexibility it offers, not only in terms of languages but courses as well, said Khare

It is not imposing the idea of one-nation-one-language but accepting the plurality and diversity of India that the National Education Policy focuses on, said Education Secretary **Amit Khare**. Khare was speaking at **The New Indian Express' ThinkEdu Conclave 2021**. SASTRA University's Vice-Chancellor Dr S Vaidyasubramaniam, TNIE Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla and Senior Journalist Kaveree Bamzai were part of the conversation.

"What the NEP emphasises on is teaching in the mother tongue and the regional languages — it isn't one-size-fits-all," said the secretary. "It is rather one nation, multiple languages. But why not use our languages? One programme, which has been started this year, is the *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* programme — why not people from the north learn languages of the southern parts of India or eastern India learn about west India," he added while answering Chawla's question about whether the policy will strive to unite India by teaching them languages from across India. "The idea is to facilitate talented students who are from a non-English background (study in their mother tongue) so that the talent is not wasted. The online courses of the first year would be available in regional languages," he added.

The beauty of this policy is the flexibility it offers not only in terms of languages but courses as well, said Khare. There are various components of this policy that will come into effect at different points in time, he said and added that the next year will see at least 10 of them. "The Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) is actually the ABC of the entire higher education system. If we want to have a multiple entry and exit system and a multidisciplinary system, the ABC is a must. Otherwise, it would be difficult to manage the students' records. The work on the ABC is on and it will be there before the next academic session starts," he said. "Those institutions who join the ABC and have accreditation of at least 'A grade' will be allowed to have a multiple entry and exit system within the institution. Applying it across institutions will take a little more time because different institutions have different types of courses," added Khare.

Replying to Dr Vaidhyasubramaniam's question about whether there will be a change in the eligibility criteria of IoEs, the secretary said, "Some changes are being considered for the eligibility criteria because under the existing criteria not many institutions would qualify."



At least one university in a state should be in a position to offer distance education

Amit Khare
Union Education Secretary

Story of the 50k ventilator

Amitabha Bandyopadhyay, Srikant Sastri

While *The Ventilator Project*, a book describing how an IIT Kanpur consortium built an affordable ventilator to support the nation during COVID-19, hit the stands on March 7, authors **Amitabha Bandyopadhyay** and **Srikant Sastri** spoke at **TNIE's ThinkEdu Conclave 2021** to explain how they put together a team that completed the feat within 90 days. Bandyopadhyay, an Associate Professor at the institute says, "In those days, every Indian was thinking about how they could help the country. IIT Kanpur-incubated companies were no different. I called out to them for support. This was when two young 2018 graduates (Nikhil Kurele and Harshit Rathore) said they would make ventilators." They are the founders of Noccarc Robotics which caters to robotics in cleantech and medtech areas. Sastri, Chairman, 13G Advisory Network says, "I knew these guys from before. They sent me a video of their prototype and I could see that something was working there. It was a quick decision that we made in 48 hours to support them."

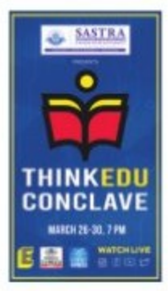
The aspiration gap: Are young Indians depressed?

Children's voices have been completely blanked out, yet we have taken away from them the single most important sector for their development — their schools

Dr Vikram Patel, Harvard Medical School

The fact that most young people's mental health issues are not just related to some kind of biological, medical or psychiatric disorder but it has got to do with social issues — especially the denial of opportunities that fit the aspirations of India's millennials — is what is driving them towards depression and ultimately in resorting to the drastic step of killing themselves, said **Vikram Patel**, who is the Pershing Square Professor of Global Health in the Blavatnik Institute's Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Dr Patel was speaking at The New Indian Express' ThinkEdu Conclave 2021 on Saturday along with senior journalist and author Kaveree Bamzai. Speaking on mental health, considered to be the other pandemic plaguing the country and the world, Dr Patel stated that Indian youth's aspirations are totally different from their parents and are "shaped by India's economic development story, shaped by globalisation and of course, by social media. We have this generation of India's youth who have different aspirations from their parents, grandparents — there is a real battle about whose aspirations are going to prevail. And in that battle right now, the emergence of orthodox values about young people's sexuality, their right to choose who they love and live with is at the forefront, which is driving many young people to become depressed and ultimately kill themselves," he added.



No ego about reforms not working at first, says Sanjeev Sanyal

It is almost utopic to expect every reform to work out positively immediately. However, **Sanjeev Sanyal**, Principal Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Finance, Government of India says that the government is not egoistic, but is rather happy that the reforms do not work well in the beginning. He adds that the Narendra Modi-led government instead focuses on "fixing the errors on the go." He was in conversation with management guru and former Planning Commission member **Arun Maira** and author and columnist Shankkar Aiyar at **The New Indian Express' ThinkEdu Conclave 2021**.

"We are happy for reforms to not quite work in the beginning and then fix it along the way. We have no ego about this. We will watch, we will work, we will make tweaks along the way and make it work. We are not of the opinion that just because we announced something it will work in one shot. In fact, the 1991 reforms needed a lot of tweaking over the subsequent decades. We are in it for the long haul. We recognise that these reforms 2.0 will take some time. We recognise that they will be pushed back but we have to be willing to carry on. There will be moments where some of the pushback is legitimate and you will have to accommodate. The issue is to be clear about what we are doing in the medium and long run, introduce the changes and tweak when necessary," said Sanyal.

Sanyal sounded positive when he spoke about how well the economic reforms and COVID response strategies have been received by the states. "Almost 99 per cent of the time, the coordination between the centre and the state was rather good. Otherwise, it wouldn't have worked at all. With all the whining that happens over the GST council, the states have the majority of the votes in the council," he noted. Maira said that he was brought into the Planning Commission by the then PM Dr Manmohan Singh, "I was asked to explore what needs to change in the way we are going about planning and reforming so that we can produce results faster," he said. As someone who opined that today's world is at a VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity) stage, Maira said that a permanent change seems like an oxymoron in it.

Arun Maira and Sanjeev Sanyal

Rice row: Left govt to file case against EC, LDF takes on UDF

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AS campaigning for the assembly elections reached its last lap, the ruling Left and Opposition UDF have crossed swords over free rice distribution. A day after the Election Commission stopped distribution of subsidised rice during the festival season following the Opposition's complaint, the state is witnessing a bitter war-of-words over the politics of free rice.

On a day the state government decided to take legal action against the Election Commission, the Left attacked the Opposition for blocking the chain of food supply to the people. The UDF shot back saying it was the Left government that was playing politics with distribution of free rice. With the LDF assessment that distribution of food kits played a major role its local body poll victory, the Left wants to ensure kit distribution at any cost.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan demanded an apology from the Opposition leader for his letter to the Election Commission demanding to stop the distribution of food kits, welfare pension and foodgrains till the elections are over. The Opposition has been denying people their food and seemed hellbent on letting them starve. "He is humiliating the masses by alleging that voters can be influenced by merely distributing food kits. The public will cast its vote considering the functioning of the government during the past five years," said Pinarayi.

The UDF however turned the tables on the Left, alleging that the government has been hoarding rice. In a tit-for-tat, Chennithala shot back likening Pinarayi to a black-marketeer. Opposition Leader Ramesh Chennithala alleged that the government has been hoarding rice that was originally alloted for students from September to March, and was now distributing it, with an eye on the assembly elections.

Union Minister Smriti Irani campaigns for a BJP candidate on NSC Bose Road in Chennai on Saturday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

DECIDE

CPM, Cong seek to disqualify BJP candidates in Pondy

Puducherry: With allegations of the BJP illegally accessing Aadhaar data of citizens for poll campaigns surfacing, the Congress and CPM have urged the ECI to disqualify nine saffron party candidates in Puducherry. CPM leader R Rajangam on Saturday submitted a memorandum to the Chief Election Commissioner, stating that the Chief Electoral Officer had taken no action on a complaint dated March 5, lodged by DYFI seeking a probe into irregularities in the BJP's creation of booth-level WhatsApp groups for voters. ENS

Raja's remarks on EPS snowballs into controversy

Chennai: The recent remarks of DMK deputy general secretary A Raja on Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami has snowballed into a major controversy with many believing that the jibes were 'below the belt'. DMK president MK Stalin was quick to issue a statement restricting party members from making indecent comments. The AIADMK has lodged a complaint with Chief Electoral Officer Satyabrata Sahoo against Raja for his speech at Thousand Lights constituency on Friday. ENS

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Bill Bryson
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UNICORNS & CRICKET LESSONS FOR POLITICOS

THE galaxy of success stories is impressive and expanding.

Prasidh Krishna, Washington Sundar, T Natarajan, Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar Yadav, Krunal Pandya, Shubhman Gill, Mohammed Siraj, Navdeep Saini, Axar Patel, Krunal Pandya… All debutant cricketers.

Anthem Biosciences, Bharat Biotech, Curefit, Delhivery, Druva Data, Ecom Express, EmCure, Firstcry, Global Logic, High Radius, Headspin, Innovacer, Meesho, MuSigma, Nykaa, Oyo Rooms, PhonePe, RateGain, Zerodha, Zomato are members of India's 100 billion-dollar unicorns club.

What is the essential factor binding the debutant cricketers and the unicorns? They belong to the fraternity of the fearless, whether it is on the field of cricket or in the domain of tech innovation.

Suryakumar Yadav hoisted the first ball he faced in international cricket, and from Jofra Archer of the 150 km/hour fame, for a six. Krunal Pandya scored the fastest fifty. Prasidh Krishna overcame first spell thrashing to bag 4 for 54 in his first outing.

THE THIRD EYE

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In the licence raj era India's batting line-up began with Sunil Gavaskar and ended with G R Vishwanath. In the nineties it revolved around the 'fab four'. In 2021 there is no 'God' in the playing XI but the batting line-up extends all the way till Shardul Thakur – the Indian team has a bench strength which is the envy of world cricket.

India's entrepreneurial story used to be about family-owned entities. This is no longer the case. More critically there is competition for raising capital and recording valuations. Of the 500 listed entities, over 300 are valued at over a billion dollars in market capitalisation. In comparison the top 100 billion dollar unicorns, as per a recent Credit Suisse report, mostly born in the new millennium, command a combined market valuation of over $240 billion. As with cricket the bench strength is deep – PE investor Mohandas Pai says another 150 start-ups or 'soonicorns' could soon join the parade.

The success of the cricketers and the unicorns represents an important lesson for the political class. Young India can not only survive competition but also thrive when there is competition. Consider the success of Indian cricket. The rise of confidence is co-terminus with the Indian Premier League. Thanks to the IPL cricketers from across India and income levels got to play/compete with the best in the world and hold none in awe. Unsurprisingly India is ranked first in Tests, second in T20 and third in ODI – and its batters and bowlers are on the top 10 list of players in Tests, T20 and ODI.

The success of unicorns is not dissimilar. Given access to capital and opportunity India's start-ups are competing for capital and market share with the best in the world — and the parade of innovation in fin-tech, logistics, food-tech, insurance, energy, e-commerce or distance education even as they compete with deep pocketed global players reflects the confidence.

The reigning theology of the political class is that Indian enterprise must be protected. This is despite the fact that since the 1990s companies have thrived when the sector is opened up. India's most valued bank is also one of the most valuable banks in the world. Two decades after the opening up of insurance LIC continues to reign. The success of India's software giants Infosys, TCS and others illuminates the principle that competition sharpens Indian skillsets and enterprise.

Contrary to the narrative often presented by politicos, entrepreneurial India is not asking to be molly-coddled from competition. What is needed is enabling conditions but the track record of governments has been patchy and is reflected in the eco-system. Ideally, given the scale of opportunities, private equity/venture capital funds should be queuing up to set up shop in India. Fact is the bulk of the funds investing in Indian start-ups prefer to set shop in Singapore – and often 'convince' the start-ups they fund to shift their headquarters either to Singapore or the US.

The economics of business models demands review of the approach to policy design. India's entrepreneurs have migrated to the new millennium but policies are stranded in the past. The policy landscape — and not just for start-ups — is littered with disincentives, distortionary taxation, heavy handed regulation and compliance cholesterol.

The crux is the pattern of engagement. The discussions which precede the budget are held in silos – economists, bankers, exporters, industry and the billionaires. Nothing stops the government from inviting innovators and disruptors to these meetings. And the engagement must go beyond the businesses. India's many problems require new thinking. The government has promised to deliver water to every home and double agricultural income. Add the sad state of primary education and broken health care apparatus.

Whether it is the political regime in the states or the government at the Centre it is critical to recognise that the usual committee approach has long since breached the statute of limitations. The fact is resolving the issues facing India requires disruptive and innovative thinking. Why not engage with, invite and involve the fraternity of the fearless to suggest solutions which address the challenges!

'INDIA THAT IS BHARAT.' ARE WE SURE?

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

WHEN religion is linked with patriotism, it can drive people to extremes. Not long ago an Islamist group in Somalia, the Al Shabaab, banned *samosas* in the country. The reasoning was that the triangular shape of the samosa was a trick to spread the trinity concept of Christianity.

We haven't reached that level of silliness, but we have developed our own brand of extremism. Recently prominent citizens who wrote a letter to the Prime Minister about lynchings had an FIR filed against them. Why? Is protesting against lynching an offence? Is writing to the Prime Minister an act of impertinence? It would seem that some sort of inferiority complex is making our *netas* confused. One of the FIR-ed men, Adoor Gopalakrishnan said: "Strange things are happening in our country. We've heard about people shooting at a model of Gandhiji to commemorate Godse's shooting of Gandhiji and no case has been registered by anyone."

Netas who are confused can be harmful to all. We can already see how confusion is complicating the issue of the country's name itself. There has been furious feuding over the Constitution's use of the term "India that is Bharat". A Congress MP, Shantaram Naik, introduced two Bills in Parliament (2010 and 2012) demanding that the term India be omitted from the country's name. Yogi Adityanath joined him later with the proposition that the phrase "India that is Bharat" be replaced by the new phrase "Bharat that is Hindustan."

The matter reached Supreme Court. In 2015 Chief Justice of India T S Thakur dismissed it. In 2020 again a similar case was dismissed by the court with the comment that changing the name of the country was not a subject for the court to consider. That realistic stance put a stop to the legalities of the matter that were being debated at one stage. But of course the issue did not go away.

It is fascinating to go back to the old records and refresh our memories of what the eminent parliamentarians of those days said. Many members spoke, from Kamalapati Tripathi to H V Kamath, from Seth Govind Das to Shibban Lal Saxena. Those were days when MPs could talk without getting communally branded one way or another. In other words, those were days when democracy nourished in India in spirit as well as in form.

Saxena said, "The name of the union shall be Bharat." Govind Das, famous as a promoter-campaigner for Hindi, went eloquent about the antiquity of the term Bharat. He quoted the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Vishnu Purana and so on. He argued that the case for Bharat was strengthened by the slogan promoted by Mahatma Gandhi as a unifying call for the country, *Bharat Mata Ki Jai*.

How much does it affect the realities of life whether India is named Bharat or Bharat is named India? How far can we go by saying that it is all about Hindu-Muslim differences and the tensions they create. To what extent can we ignore the reality that is Dalit frustrations, or the dissensions generated by assertive Hindutva posturings?

Kamalapati Tripathi said: "Sir, I am enamoured of the historic name Bharat. The gods have been remembering the name of this country in the heavens." He even said, "The gods have a keen desire to be born in the sacred land of Bharat", and then invoked the benediction of Sri Rama, Sri Krishna, Gautama Buddha and Adi Shankaracharya.

Parliament reverberated with the patriotic speeches of several distinguished members. Then the ever-realistic lawyer, Ambedkar, rose and asked: "Is all this necessary, Sir? There is a lot of work to be done." For the record, Kamath's amendment putting Bharat before India was defeated 51 against 38. It was left to Gopalakrishna Gandhi to later say the last word. The country, he said, "Is now India, Bharat its triumphal synonym, Hindustan its home name. Bharat is where we dream, and Hindustan where we live [facing] inflation with poverty, corruption with defeat and where he or she has to be hassled at each step — whether it is for an electric connection, a birth certificate, a driving licence by men with the authority to delay if not deny what is due."

That is the point and that is where it hurts. How much does it affect the realities of life whether India is named Bharat or Bharat is named India? How far can we go by saying that it is all about Hindu-Muslim differences and the tensions they create. To what extent can we ignore the reality that is Dalit frustrations, or the dissensions generated by assertive Hindutva posturings?

No society can progress with some posing as superior to others. If all do not rise together, all will fall together.

BJP MUST GET MAXIMUM LEADERS, NOT MINIMISE DELHI

POWER & POLITICS

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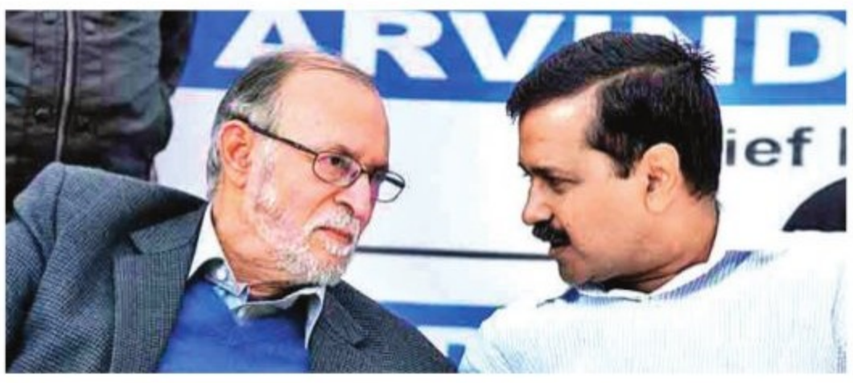
THE law is an ass', according to the 17th century dramatist George Chapman, but 'the law is as you like it' is the real drama in the absurd theatre of Indian democracy. The current furore over the The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2021, (GNCTD) passed by Parliament last week has revived the age-old conflict between the letter of the law and its spirit. The BJP-led Centre claims to be correcting the distortion in the definition of the government in Delhi. AAP, which has been ruling the Union Territory for the past six years, has charged its all-weather archenemy with maiming a duly elected government. AAP accuses saffron sultans of slaying the spirit of genuine democracy to give overriding powers to the unelected Lt Governor over elected Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. So far, the confrontation has been confined to files and the courts. Delhi exemplifies the classical case of confrontation between the letter of the law and its spirit. Elected rulers swear by the written text of the Constitution but often ignore its spirit. The spirit lies in building a social, political and moral consensus around the interpretation of the letter. However, the spirit is willing but the fleshing out is weak.

By no legal parameter can a Delhi Chief Minister enjoy powers, which his or her counterparts wield in other states. It is the spirit of the law relating to a Union Territory. According to BJP, Kejriwal is habituated to stepping on the LG's powers by ignoring him on important matters. The turf war reached the Supreme Court which ruled in the chief minister's favour, stating that the LG does not enjoy separate powers except over allocated subjects. It clarified that the decisions of the Council of Ministers must be communicated to the LG, but prior approval is not mandatory. Under the new Act, the Delhi government cannot act without consulting the LG in advance. This war for supremacy would land in court again. Since Delhi's administrative structure is to be settled even after 50 years, the hostility is unlikely to end soon since at stake is politics, not better governance. Both parties are pretending to restore the balance between the law and the spirit. As they confront each other in the courts and on the streets, Delhiites suffer.

With over 15 million people living on 1,484 sq kms, Delhi is India's largest city. Its per capita is the second highest. It is also one of the most polluted metropolises globally. It lacks specific character and culture. Two thirds of its population lives in unauthorised colonies and slums without proper water or hygiene. Multiplicity of authorities has orphaned the city in the absence of legally defined parents. Three Municipal Corporations handle civic administration. Law and order is under the Home Ministry through the LG. Land is managed by the DDA, which is controlled by the Union Ministry for Urban Development—DDA takes forty years to implement 20 per cent of its 20-year plan. NDMC manages Lutyen's powerscape where the Prime Minister, ministers, top *babus* and the rich and famous live. One of the richest civic bodies in the country, NDMC keeps its puissant residents happy by spending liberally on digging and filling holes and roads. Delhi definitely requires an accountable and transparent governance model. New and different scenarios can strike a judicious balance between the law and the spirit.

Scenario One: Let the Centre take a calculated risk by granting total statehood to Delhi with the Chief Minister in complete control. The state government should have full powers over land, the police and All India Services; IAS and IPs officers in charge of crucial departments are not accountable to the CM. Federal autonomy would ensure that the state government cannot blame anyone else for its failures. The Delhi government cannot open a new hospital, a college or even a school unless the DDA gives it land. The Centre can build a Central Vista at huge cost but the state government cannot even lay a new road to decongest the city. If giving the state government control of the police is deemed a security risk, it should control at least traffic and land management. It should enjoy the powers of its peers if Delhi is to develop as a world-class capital city like Tokyo, Washington, London etc. The Centre can always use the Governor to check any recalcitrant government. If the state administration fails to perform, the people would reject it.



Instead of leaving Kejriwal to demolish himself and concentrating on leadership building, the BJP has embarked on a negative course. It should woo Delhi with a credible alternative leadership, which it once had, and a democratic institutional framework that strictly follows the lively spirit of the law

Scenario Two: Rather than paralysing an elected government, the Centre could run Delhi directly and abolish the Assembly, the municipal corporations and NDMC, which are hotbeds of corruption. The Home Ministry can appoint a full-fledged administrator to minimise red tape, define and allocate responsibilities, abolish multiple authorities and ensure accountability and pellucidity. An added advantage is liberal financial support by the Centre that would convert an unsafe, unclean, and unwieldy Capital into a smart city with an identity of its own. Finally, it would draw the curtain on Delhi's *trishanku* status.

A section of the BJP feels that a centrally controlled structure is beneficial in the short run, but Delhi would be deprived of a participatory role in governance in the long run. Currently, they favour a central government takeover because their party is incapable of toppling or trouncing AAP in the near future. Even after BJP won all seven Lok Sabha seats in 2014 elections, a year later it captured barely three of the 70 Assembly seats — AAP won the remaining 67 with over 54 per cent votes. The BJP repeated its act in 2019 but beat AAP only in eight Assembly seats in 2020. Modi decisively trounced Kejriwal when people were asked to choose a prime minister.

AAP sees a conspiracy to cripple its government so that it fails to perform during the next four years. But the quality of the local BJP leadership is too tacky to give even a symbolic fight to a wounded Kejriwal. Instead of leaving Kejriwal to demolish himself and concentrating on leadership building, the BJP has embarked on a negative course. It should woo Delhi with a credible alternative leadership, which it once had, and a democratic institutional framework that strictly follows the lively spirit of the law.

Laying down the law without imbibing its spirit is equivalent to giving license to kill with a gun without bullets, shaken or stirred. An elected government can't be subservient to an unelected civil servant.

QUOTE CORNER

The US, Russia & China continue to try to outsmart each other in exchanging insults & accusations. Pray they outgrow this dismal phase quickly. The world is in desperate need for international cooperation to face global challenges

Mohamed ElBaradei, Former director general, IAEA

There are a series of things developed countries can and should do now, at low cost, that would be of enormous benefit to the billions of people in the developing world and emerging markets

Joseph E Stiglitz, Nobel laureate

When you go against one of the largest corporations and you do it alone, you've got no power. But when you stand together in solidarity with each other, you can negotiate for better conditions

Bernie Sanders, US senator

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Poll campaigns amid Covid

With a second wave of Covid-19 holding India to ransom, it is pertinent that poll-bound states observe time-tested SMS protocol most religiously. It is not the voting process per se that will add to the relentless viral mayhem. It is the campaigning and post-election victory celebrations that are potentially dangerous. The onus is entirely on politicians, both candidates and visiting star campaigners, to lead by example and ensure party workers strictly adhere to the protocol uncompromisingly.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Students' future at stake

The increasing pace of Covid pandemic has started threatening the careers of students. Many of them are being affected despite the measures already taken. The current situation could be because of the carelessness shown towards the safety protocols. Hence, certain strong decisions are to be taken keeping in mind the future of young students.

Priyanka Priyadarshini, Bhubaneswar

Agri waste as fuel right step

It is heartening to know that a Parliamentary Standing Committee has recommended the use of agriculture waste in the form of pellets to generate electricity in thermal power plants by partly replacing coal. This will help reduce air pollution caused by burning coal as well as agri-waste, besides generating employment in rural areas

Dr SVN Vijayendra, Hyderabad

New era in Indian politics

Entry of dynamic Narendra Modi in Indian politics marks the end of decades-long rule by multi-party alliances and also beginning of a new era of a single party enjoying absolute majority. Although BJP is the world's largest party, the reality is that it could not hitherto project effective state-level leaders who can vouch victory without Modi. Big challenge is still ahead for the BJP to become a pan-Indian party that can ensure stable rule in both at the Centre and states.

B Veerakumaran Thampi, Pattom

Pakistan's olive branch

India must react positively to Pakistan's olive branch for normalising our mutual acrimony — whatever be Pakistan's compulsions to make this move! If it's really a change of attitude/heart, this should show on the ground by ushering in certain CBMs like demolishing terror launch pads and the like!

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

EC becoming puppet of Centre

By freezing the April 12 Rajya Saba elections in Kerala by citing trivial reasons, the Election Commission seems to be acting as mere puppet to the Centre and dangerously diluting the Constitution. Along with this, the Lok Sabha taking away the powers of Delhi govt clearly shows MODI(fied) Constitution killer SHAH(rks) is on prowl in India.

Devadas V, Kannur

PM's Bangladesh visit

It is a good gesture on the part of the Prime Minister that his first visit after the Covid pandemic, and that too in his new plane, was to neighbouring country Bangladesh. While hailing the sacrifices of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, he disclosed that he had to go to prison in his twenties for Bangladesh freedom. This is new information to many. Neighbours can't be changed and we should be friendly with them and settle disputes in the spirit of give and take.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Transparency in question

The SC has found nothing wrong with the electoral bonds and ruled that everything is accounted for by banks. All things look good on paper but in reality corporates are giving donations by way of electoral bonds and the parties receiving these funds are neither disclosing the name of donours nor the amount. The very purpose of transparency is defeated if the parties are not disclosing the names.

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
In another world, Mamata Banerjee is addressing near empty grounds... Hardly any people turn up for her rallies

Gaurav Gogoi @GauravGogoiAsm
I have voted for peace, employment, women security, strong economy, justice for poor and CAA mukht Assam

Yashwant Sinha @YashwantSinha
Willing to travel to Bangladesh to ask for votes in Bengal. My name is M & I am ready to break any and all rules of the game to get votes

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

Going by the response we have received, we are confident of winning the election. We will be the kingmaker after the poll. No one can form the government without our support –Abbas Siddiqui, Bengal ISF

BJP is pumping huge money in Bengal to capture power by hook or by crook. The People of West Bengal will give them befitting reply by keeping them away from power –Ashok Gehlot, Rajasthan CM

Those who stand for foreign infiltrators can never by the country's well-wishers. If the Congress-AIUDF comes to power, its government will endanger Indians living in the state –Sarbananda Sonowal, Assam CM

'WE WILL RIDE TO POWER ON DEVELOPMENT'

Bharatiya Janata Party national vice-president **Jay Panda**, who is also the party's Assam election in-charge, tells **H Khogen Singh** that there is a positive mood in their favour because of the massive development works in the northeastern state

GOOD governance and the commitment of national leaders to treat Assam as priority are among the factors the BJP is banking on to retain power in the state. According to Jay Panda, there are other reasons also, why he thinks the people of Assam would vote for the saffron party. Excerpts from an interview...

What is the Bharatiya Janata Party's main election plank?
I don't think the northeast has got the kind of attention it is getting now. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has come here at least 50 times, before him if you add the number of visits by all other PMs in the past, this should be more. The people see this. Just compare the number of bridges constructed over the Brahmaputra over the previous 70 years and how many have been built or are under construction now. Similarly, roads and medical colleges. (Home minister) Amit Shah keeps pointing out the 20,000 kms of both highways and panchayat roads. There have been no communal riots and the recent Bodo accord has brought peace, as the last of the militants has surrendered and joined the political process. The politics of Assam was dominated by illegal immigration and the need to protect the indigenous culture. But except for 7-8 kms, the border fencing is complete. So all these things contribute and that's why I get this very positive feeling.

Is development enough to win the elections?
Look at our track record in administration. The kind of corruption there was before is over now. Everyone knows about the Assam Public Service Commission scandal.

The APSC chairman and other officials who used to take ₹30-40 lakh bribe have been jailed. There is also no leakage of money as funds are deposited directly to bank accounts. There are roughly 20 lakh beneficiaries of the Orunoday scheme (where people get ₹843 every month) and there is no leakage.

The Congress-All-India United Democratic Front alliance is expected to dent the performance of BJP..
I think Congress has made a huge mistake by aligning with AIUDF. The late Tarun Gogoi never aligned with AIUDF. Maybe they had some secret understanding or some adjustment, but it was never official. Everybody associates AIUDF with illegal immigration and this repulses the majority of the people in Assam.

Congress leaders are telling me privately it was a mistake. AIUDF may get some 2-3 seats extra, but Congress will end up winning fewer seats. Congress leaders are disconnected from the people. They go to tea gardens and pluck tea leaves for photo ops. They were in power for so many years, yet wages of tea garden labourers was only about ₹100. It has been more than doubled now.

Do you think the Congress will lose Hindu votes?
There are indigenous Muslims in Assam who are also unhappy with illegal immigration. The Congress had lost supporters after losing power. Now, the remaining supporters are also moving away. Everyday, many Congress leaders are joining us because of the alliance with the All-India United Democratic Front (AIUDF).

Will the Citizenship Amendment Act be an issue in the Assembly elections?
I have spent three months here and gone all over the state. Whatever the situation was 14 months ago because of the CAA is no longer relevant. The opposition spread two lies about CAA. One, Indian Muslims will be expelled, but this is complete falsehood. Second, they said from a neighbouring country 1.5 crore Hindus will be brought in but not a single one has come.

What is the government's plan on attracting industries?
The base of any progress and development is good infrastructure. That is why there is a massive drive to develop this. International cargo flights have started and this will boost value added products. The airport is being upgraded and expanded. Once this is done, the attractiveness of Assam as an investment destination for companies such as ITC or agro-based businesses will increase.

Some ethnic-based militant groups are still present in the state...
The biggest was the Bodo issue but that has been comprehensively resolved. This was 80% of the ethnic based issue. They have laid down their arms and now there is new party in power in the Bodoland Territorial Council. The rest 20% will also be dealt with in the future.

How will you view your contribution if the BJP retains power?
For me any reward or post is only a byproduct. I am grateful the party gave me this responsibility. But my job was only to coordinate and manage. Here the biggest factor is Modi's image, then it is the BJP government's performance. Our third biggest asset is our state leaders such as CM Sarabanda Sonowal, Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and party chief Ranjit Dass.

479 polling stations were monitered exclusively by women officials in the first phase of Assam polls

2 security personnel were injured in a firing in Bengal's Bhagwanpur constituency on Saturday

TMC wants return of agent rule

Kolkata: A TMC delegation on Saturday urged the poll panel to bring back the rule which allowed parties to appoint only people registered as voters in an Assembly segment where a booth was located as polling agents for that booth. The rule was relaxed last week to allow agents to be appointed from any part of an constituency. This has caused a lot of problems in the booths in the first phase as many of the agents don't even know each other, the TMC said.

'Confront BJP goons with ladle'

Kolkata: Alleging that the BJP was bringing in goons from outside to stop people from exercising their franchise in Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday urged women to "confront the hoodlums with ladle, spatula" and other cooking utensils. "Yesterday, one of the Adhikari brothers was seen distributing money... Women caught him red-handed and asked the police to arrest him. They also handed over 30 goons," she said.

Biju Khanikar, 95, casts her vote at a polling station during the first phase of Assam polls in Sivsagar district | PTI

Vote in record numbers: Modi

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi has urged people to cast votes in record numbers as polling began for the first phase of Assembly elections in West Bengal and Assam on Saturday. "I particularly call upon my young friends to vote. I would request all those who are voters in the seats polling today to exercise their franchise in record numbers," he tweeted. The BJP hopes to retain power in Assam and defeat the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal.

Didi's purported audio clip stirs row

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

AN audio clip with an alleged conversation between West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and a local BJP leader in Nandigram has added fuel to the already roaring fire between the saffron party and the Trinamool Congress.

The day Bengal went to the first phase of polling on Saturday, the BJP released an audio clip, which is being widely shared on social media, where Banerjee is purportedly heard cajoling TMC turncoat Pralay Pal to work for the ruling party. Pal is a vice-president of BJP's Tamluk district.

The saffron camp's revelation could be a big embarrassment for the ruling TMC as Banerjee is contesting from Nandigram in East Midnapore against her once-trusted lieutenant Suvendu Adhikari, who defected to the BJP in December. A BJP delegation, led by party general secretary and Bengal minder Kailash Vijayvargiya, met the state's chief electoral officer and handed over the tape. Vijayvargiya said: "The CM has realised her defeat in Nandigram, therefore, she is begging for support from one of our local leaders."

The TMC questioned the genuineness of the audiotape but asserted that since Pal was a former TMC leader, there was nothing wrong with the CM trying to woo him back. In the audio clip, a conversation over the phone, the female voice requested Pal to work for the TMC in the ongoing Assembly elections.

"You should help us win Nandigram. Look, I know you have some grievances, but that's due mostly to the Adhikaris who never allowed me to get into Nandigram or East Midnapore. I will take care of everything henceforth," the female voice can be heard telling Pal. Pal, however, was not game. "Didi, you called me and I am honoured. But I can't betray the Adhikaris as they have stood by me through thick and thin," he was heard saying in the audio clip.

Nandigram will go to the polls on April 1 and such revelation by the BJP on Saturday might have an impact in the next phases of the elections. Questioning the clip's genuineness, TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said: "Even if it is the voice of the CM, She just requested a former party leader to come back. Nothing wrong in it," he said.

Adhikari said Banerjee is "politically bankrupt."

Women queue up to cast their votes at a polling station in Bengal's Lalgarh | PTI

Why shouldn't your visa be cancelled? Mamata flays PM's B'desh speech

Kharagpur: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday alleged Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech at the Matua temple at Orakandi in Bangladesh was with an eye on Bengal polls. The Trinamool Congress supremo also alleged that Modi violated the model code of conduct through his speech. However, Modi in his speech at the temple had not made any election promises. Addressing a rally in Kharagpur, Banerjee recalled the scrapping Bangladeshi actor Firdaus's visa during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections "as he took part in a rally here" and wondered why Modi's visa should not be dealt with similarly. The Matua community in West Bengal is estimated to be 30 million strong.

Mamata is big in Nandigram, but Suvendu poses genuine challenge

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OWNERSHIP, that is, on behalf of the BJP. He's a mascot of sorts for the saffron party, making its first bid for power in the state. Suvendu, in a way, represents the very audacity of that bid—he's challenging the sitting chief minister. Suvendu embraces the BJP as much as the BJP embraces him.

His youth brigade, conspicuously decked up in saffron kurtas, rend the air with the by-now-familiar *Jai Sri Ram* chorus. It's not so much a greeting as an assertive war cry. Do the commoners of Nandigram join in? 'Boudi', or Pratima Jena to give her formal name, runs a small eatery and watches such cavalcades pass by with studied indifference. "We'll vote who we need to vote for. No one is revealing anything this time. Dada has done work no doubt, but Didi is also our pride!"

As a woman, she empathises with Mamata. Will that count, or will she just press the button the rest of the family may press? She's mum.

Not everyone is as coy as the Jenas. Nandigram Block 1 and 2 bore the brunt of the anti-land acquisition movement against the LF regime, and Muslim voters are of a sizable number here. In these parts, they've no qualms about proclaiming 'Dada' to be a backstabber—and Didi is naturally the 'victim' who deserves their support. Says Mallika Sardul, who finished school but is now a housewife, "Tell us, why should we not be with Didi?"

Why indeed? There's palpable anger against Trinamool, though. Deepa Mandol, a former CPI activist, now dons a saffron sari, with lotus imprints—just so as to leave no room for doubt. Her family was old Communist stock, she says. Her family had to run away and take shelter in Digha when the TMC came to power. Now she and her husband, a migrant labourer in Tamil Nadu, are both with the BJP. But isn't Suvendu the one who led the hordes that hunted them down those days? It doesn't bother her one bit—her anger is directed at the party.

"If even half the people who came to the Yogi Adityanath rally in Nandigram vote BJP, then it's over for TMC here!" she exults. The battle is obviously personal for her.

So it is for Suvendu. "He's using the BJP to avenge the fact that TMC dared to sideline him," says Samata, who runs a mechanic shop in Reyepara. Nothing in Nandigram moved, no one dared to lift even a finger unless the Adhikaris so ordained. "It's not for nothing that the BJP picked him up," he adds.

A person who runs a health literacy programme, and did not want to be identified, explains that it's "PK (Prashant Kishor) and his I-PAC who became Suvendu's undoing in the TMC". Not so much the nephew, Abhishek Banerjee, who's nowhere as well known as Didi. "Through PK, who had direct contact with the CM, Mamata got a different view of things. Gradually, Suvendu found all his men replaced by others, he found that his hands were tied in his own fiefdom."

The BJP moved in and gave him a new platform—and, of course, also a Hindutva image makeover. Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who's holding fort and micromanaged the Nandigram election for Suvendu, is keen to add that the BJP has understood the "culture and ethos" of Bengal, and are no outsiders to either the text or the context.

Does Nandigram agree? Will it be Bengal's 'own daughter'—Banglar meye—the Royal Bengal Tigress? Or will it be the local Dada? It's all canned till May 2.

3 seriously hurt in clash of BJP-TMC supporters

Nandigram: A clash broke out on Saturday between BJP and TMC supporters in Nandigram which goes to polls on April 1. At least three persons were seriously injured. Seikh Sufiyan, election agent of Mamata Banerjee, claimed goons hired by BJP carried out an attack on the workers of the ruling party. The saffron camp denied the charge. "All three who sustained injuries are TMC activists. They were rushed to hospital in Kolkata," Sufiyan said.

Covovax trials begin in India, hope to launch it by Sept, says Serum

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SERUM Institute of India (SII) CEO Adar Poonawalla on Saturday said clinical trials of Covid-19 vaccine Covovax have begun in India and the company hopes to launch it by September.

In August 2020, US-based vaccine maker Novavax, Inc had announced a licence agreement with SII for the development and commercialisation of NVX-CoV2373, its Covid-19 vaccine candidate, in low and middle-income countries and India.

"Covovax trials finally begin in India; the vaccine is made through a partnership with'@Novavax'and'@SerumInstIndia. It has been tested against African and UK variants of #COVID19 and has an overall efficacy of 89%. Hope to launch by September 2021!," Poonawalla said in a tweet.

Senior citizens being administered first dose of Covid vaccine in Thane | PTI

The development and commercialisation pact between Novavax and SII excludes major upper-middle and high-income countries, for which Novavax continues to retain rights. In January, Poonawalla had said SII expected to launch Covovax by June 2021.

SII is already supplying AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine, Covishield, in India and to other countries across the world.

Gave more vax to world than own people: India to UN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA has supplied more Covid-19 vaccines globally than vaccinated its own people, the country has told the UN General Assembly and cautioned that vaccine inequity will defeat the collective global resolve to contain the coronavirus as the disparity in the accessibility of vaccines will affect the poorest nations the most.

India's deputy permanent representative to the UN K Nagaraj Naidu was speaking in the discussion on the India-initiated 'Political Declaration on Equitable Global Access to Covid-19 Vaccine'. The move has garnered the support of over 180-member states.

Naidu, addressing the informal meeting of the UNGA, said that 2021 began on a positive note as multiple vaccines were developed against Covid.

"While the vaccine challenge has been resolved, we are now confronted with ensuring the availability, accessibility, affordability, and distribution of Covid-19 vaccines. Lack of global cooperation and disparity in the accessibility of vaccines will affect the poorest nations the most," he said.

The envoy's comment's come amid reports of vaccine shortages in various parts of the country. However, the government has maintained that there was no shortage and India's domestic demand will be prioritised while exporting vaccines.

"India would not only be vaccinating 300 million of its own frontline workers over the next six months but in the process had also supplied vaccines to over 70 nations. In fact, as of today we have supplied more vaccines globally than have vaccinated our own people," he said.

The remarks also come in the backdrop of reports suggesting that the government had banned the export of vaccines.

However, sources had said that no such order had been passed. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is on a two-day visit to Bangladesh, on Friday said that India was giving another 1.2 million doses of the vaccine to Bangladesh.

CRASH

An aircraft being used for conducting a survey crashed near Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday due to a technical snag, leaving three persons, including the pilot, injured, police and Raja Bhoj airport officials said.

3 NAXALS CARRYING REWARDS HELD IN CHHATTISGARH

INDIA	Max	Min	INDIA	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	43	24	Mumbai	37	27
Bhopal	39	21	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	38	26	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	36	18	Lucknow	36	21
Chennai	36	27	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	31	19
Srinagar	19	11	Chandigarh	35	19

Modi and Hasina launch train, talk about nuclear cooperation • 1.2 million doses of coronavirus vaccine given to Bangladesh • PM visits Matua shrine, promises school with help of local officials

MoUs and projects of camaraderie on Day 2

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

INDIA and Bangladesh signed five Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) in various sectors like commerce, disaster management, resilience and mitigation, information technology and inaugurated a host of projects in Dhaka on the second day of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit.

Modi and Bangladeshi PM Sheikh Hasina, following restricted and delegation-level talks, inaugurated the New Jalpaiguri-Dhaka passenger train, Mitali Express and virtually held the ground-breaking ceremony for power evacuation facilities of the Rooppur nuclear power plant. The leaders agreed to implement the proposal of the 'Shadhinata Sorok', a road to connect Kolkata and Mujibnagar, the birthplace of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said a significant portion of the third line of credit will be used to increase civil nuclear cooperation by developing five of the eight packages at the Rooppur plant.

Shringla said both PMs took stock of the areas of cooperation and discussed possible cooperation in newer areas like artificial intelligence and space. "Modi proposed holding a business exhibition which he termed as Best of India, Best of Bangladesh," he said and added that the prime minister wanted 'Nayi Urja, Nayi Gati' in Indo-Bangladesh ties.

Hasina and Modi released a commemorative stamp in honour of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's birth centenary. Modi also gave Bangladesh 1.2 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine and gifted 109 ambulances. Hasina presented him a gold and silver coin.

Modi visited the mausoleum of Bangabandhu in Tungipara, accompanied by Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana. He is the first foreign high dignitary to visit the mausoleum.

The PM then proceeded to Orakandi where he interacted with members of the Matua community. He announced upgradation of a middle school and setting up a primary school in Orakandi with the help of local authorities. "India and Bangladesh want to see the progress of the whole world, through their development and progress. Both countries want stability, love and peace in place of instability, terror and unrest. The same values were given to us by Hari Chand Thakur," he said. Modi's interaction with the Matuas, a significant part of who migrated to India during the war, comes at a time when members of the community participate in the Assembly election in West Bengal.

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Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Bangabandhu chair at Delhi University

Some of the agreements signed include an MoU between the National Cadet Corps of the two countries and an MoU on the establishment of a framework of cooperation in the area of trade remedial measures. The PM also agreed to set up a Bangabandhu Chair at Delhi University

PM Narendra Modi offers prayers at Orakandi Thakubari, a Matua temple, in Bangladesh on Saturday | PTI

Centre lays down 5-fold strategy to contain rise of Covid-19 cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ON a day India reported its sharpest single-day rise in Covid-19 cases this year with 62,258 new infections, the Centre advised 12 states and Union Territories driving the surge to significantly increase testing and ensure strict adherence to safety protocols.

At a high-level review meeting he chaired with additional chief secretaries, principal secretaries and secretaries (Health and Family Welfare) of 12 states/UTs and municipal commissioners and collectors of 46 worst-affected districts, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan laid out a five-fold strategy for effective containment and management of the pandemic — exponential increase in testing, effective isolation and contact tracing, re-invigoration of healthcare workers, ensuring the public follows protocol and targeted approach to vaccination.

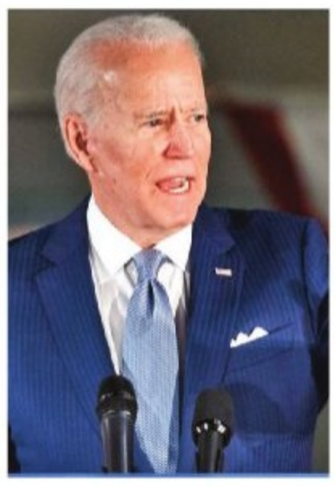
States that participated in the meeting included Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Punjab and Bihar.

Stressing the importance of following Covid-appropriate behaviour and strictly enforcing guidelines, the ministry presented statistics to underline that one infected person could spread the infection to an average of 406 individuals in a 30-day window without restrictions. The figure could be reduced to just 15 if physical exposure is decreased by 50 per cent and to a further 2.5 (average) if the exposure is decreased by 75 per cent.

The Centre asserted that the second wave reflected laxity on part of people in following guidelines and on part of authorities in virus containment and management strategy.

No gatherings in Maharashtra

Maharashtra on Satueday banned all kinds of public gatherings including political and religious ones amid a big spike in Covid-19 cases in the state. Restaurants, gardens and malls will have to remain shut between 8 pm and 7 am from Sunday, the state government said in an order. Drama theatres will also remain shut from Saturday night. However, the state government has exempted delivery of food in night hours in its new set of guidelines for new restrictions.



Modi among 40 leaders for Biden's climate meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

US President **Joe Biden** has invited 40 leaders from across the world, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to the Leaders Climate Summit to be held virtually on April 22 and 23.

The summit to be telecast live is being convened to underline the urgency and the economic benefits of climate action, the White House said. Interestingly, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has not been invited to the summit.

"It will be a key milestone on the road to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) this November in Glasgow," the White House said.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and others are among those invited.

According to the White House, a key objective of the Leaders' Summit and COP26 will be to catalyse efforts to keep limiting global warming to the 1.5 degree Celsius goal within reach. "The summit will also highlight examples of how enhanced climate ambition will create good paying jobs, advance innovative technologies and help vulnerable countries adapt to climate impacts," it added.

By the time of the summit, the United States will announce an ambitious 2030 emissions target as its new Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement, the White House said. Biden urged leaders to use the summit as an opportunity to outline how their countries will contribute to stronger climate ambition.

A small number of business and civil society leaders will also participate in the summit.

Social workers wearing PPE suits distribute pamphlets among residents of Dharavi slums in Mumbai during an awareness campaign on not to celebrate Holi | PTI

Divestment or closure, options for A-I: Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CIVIL Aviation Minister Hardeep Puri on Saturday asserted that Air India will be disinvested and there was no other alternative except shutting down the carrier.

"We've decided that Air India will be 100% disinvested. Choice isn't between disinvestment and non-disinvestment. It is between disinvestment and closing down. Air India is a first-rate asset but has an accumulated debt of ₹60,000 crore. We need to wipe the slate clean," the minister said while talking to a news agency.

Speaking on the bids that the government has received, Puri added: "In the last meeting on Monday, it was decided that the short-listed bidders will be informed that bids have to come in within 64 days. This time, the government is determined and there is no hesitation."

The minister informed that the privatisation of Air India is likely to be completed by the end of May or June. He also said the second wave of Covid-19 has delayed airlines being allowed to operate at 100 per cent capacity, which was planned from the start of the summer schedule this month-end. But for now, there are is no question of curtailing domestic operations, he added.

Puri further said flights are the safest mode of travel, adding that authorities have taken cognisance of defaulters who are not following Covid-19 protocol on board.

Air India is likely to incur a loss of ₹9,779 crore for the financial year 2020-2021, according to provisional figures shared by the ministry in the Parliament. "The Covid-19 pandemic, along with its related impact on the aviation industry, has worsened the financial position of airlines in the country, including Air India," the ministry said in a reply. Tata Group, SpiceJet are the interested parties, sources said.

Tata Group and SpiceJet interested parties

According to sources, Air India acquisition process is in progress and Tata Group and SpiceJet had given their expression of interest, which have been accepted by the government

'Conflict of interest' haunts aviation officers

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

MULTIPLE instances of 'conflict of interest' have been found among the senior officials of the aviation regulator DGCA. Actions have been taken against total 12 senior officers in last few years. The officers include two Joint Director Generals, two Directors (Safety) among others.

In most of the cases, actions have been taken against the officers for not obtaining prior sanction of the government for employment of his son, daughter or wife in private aviation companies.

In one such instance, A K Sharan, Joint Director General, faced charge of misusing his position to get CPL (Commercial Pilot Licence) for his daughter and also got her employed with an aviation company. As per the rules, he was subjected to a major penalty in October 2016.

Similarly, Charan Dass, Joint Director General, was charged for not obtaining prior sanction for employment of his daughter at an aviation company. Similar action was also taken against him in September 2015.

Whistleblower Yeshwant Shenoy termed this as 'extremely dangerous'. "It is extremely dangerous as it directly impacts air safety." Shenoy said that there might be only a dozen such instances in the official record, and he himself has complained many a times about this.

Earlier in November 2019, the DGCA had directed its officers not to engage in spot checks or deliberations where there is conflict of interest. "Avoidance of conflict of interest is a sine qua non of good governance. Instances of DGCA officers participating in meetings/spot checks have come to notice in which this golden rule has been given a go-bye," the notification issued by DGCA said.

"Therefore, this intervention is made to reiterate that under no circumstances, any of DGCA officials shall partake in deliberations/ spot checks or any other official engagement..."

EXPRESS READ

BJP MLA thrashed by farmers in Punjab

Chandigarh: A BJP MLA in Punjab was allegedly thrashed and his shirt torn off by a group of farmers at Malout in Muktsar district on Saturday, police said. Abohar MLA Arun Narang had gone to Malout to address a press conference, which was strongly opposed by the farmers. The police officials deputed there escorted Narang to safety, DSP (Malout) Jaspal Singh said. Narang said that he was punched by some people, who also threw a black-coloured liquid on him. His SUV was also vandalised. Sources said a senior police officer too suffered minor injury.

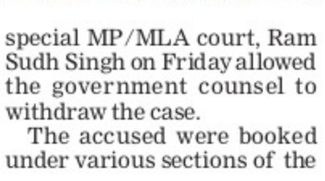
Muzaffarnagar riot case withdrawn against 12 BJP leaders and others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

AN MP/MLA court allowed to withdraw a case of inciting violence against 52 named accused, including 12 BJP leaders, in connection with the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots case.

BJP leaders against whom cases were allowed to be withdrawn include Uttar Pradesh minister Suresh Rana, MLA Sangit Som, former MP Bhartendu Singh and VHP leader Sadhvi Prachi. Judge of the special MP/MLA court, Ram Sudh Singh on Friday allowed the government counsel to withdraw the case.

The accused were booked under various sections of the Indian Penal Code for violating prohibitory orders, deterring public servants from discharging their duties and wrongful restraint. It is alleged that the accused participated in a maha panchayat, delivered provocative speeches and incited violence through their speeches in the last week of August 2013. The state counsel had moved an application stating that the UP government had decided in public interest not to proceed further with prosecution.



MUMBAI FIRE

FIR names mall directors for homicide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

AS the fire at a Bhandup mall which claimed the lives of nine Covid-19 patients admitted at the hospital in the same building was finally doused on Saturday, a case has been registered against Housing Development and Infrastructure Limited (HDIL) promoter Rakesh Kumar Wadhawan and five others for 'culpable homicide'.

The blaze, which broke out early Friday morning at Dreams Mall in suburban Bhandup and spread to Sunrise Hospital, a Covid-19 facility on its top floor, was doused completely after 40 hours, a fire department official said.

Bhandup police on late Friday night registered a case in connection with the incident against six persons including Wadhawan and his son Sarang who are, allegedly, directors of the mall.

No arrest has been made so far. IPC sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 34 (common intention) have been invoked, he added. The Wadhawans had been earlier booked in the PMC Bank fraud case.

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KOLKATA DIARY

Civic body can also issue certificates

Various officials of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) have been empowered to issue resident proof, income and other certificates in the absence of ward coordinators. The certificates, which were issued by councillors and then by ward coordinators after the last civic board's tenure lapsed in May 2020, are required to get benefits under various social schemes of the government. The executive engineer, assistant engineer and sub-assistant engineer of the civil department of the KMC can issue income certificate and resident proof certificates. Any gazetted officer can also issue a residence proof certificate including chief, deputy and assistant managers of the civic body.

Email ID for higher secondary queries

The state higher secondary council has come up with a helpline in the form of an email address where students can send any query related to the examinations due in June. The examinees can send their queries to hs2021@gmail.com. Usually, the council comes up with a helpline every year in the form of phone numbers a day before the start of the theory papers so examinees can alert the council about any emergency. Elaborating on what prompted to launch the helpline three months before the exam, an official of the council said a major change had taken place this year with the state government pruning the syllabus for the students of Class X and XII, who will write their board exams in June as in-person classes could not be held because of Covid-19 pandemic.

Covid grounds airport expansion plan

Kolkata airport has put a hold on ₹1,000 crore expansion project because Covid-19 pandemic has led to a sharp drop in the passenger count and revenue and the authorities are not sure when the volume would reach the pre-pandemic level. The airport has lost 10 million passengers and a ₹600 crore profit plunged to a ₹200 crore loss. "The airport recorded a huge drop in the passenger count in 2021-21. We are not sure when the passenger count go up again because there is a fresh surge in Covid-19 cases. There is also a shortage of funds because of revenue loss," said an airport official.

'Reschedule practical for Covid +ve students'

Principals of CBSE schools in Kolkata have been told that they can reschedule a board exam practical for a Class XII student if he or she tests positive for Covid-19. The CBSE regional office has said that if any candidate tests positive and is not in a position to appear in the practical exam, the practical for that student can be held at a later date. Principals said this decision will reassure parents and students. Several schools have either started Class XII board practicals or will start soon amid rising cases. Three city schools closed down for about a week because two students and a teacher tested positive.

2 killed
in overnight shootings along the beachfront in Virginia Beach in the US on Friday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	18	3	SNY	Los Angeles	18	11	SNY
Colombo	29	25	HR	Melbourne	20	13	LC
Dhaka	36	25	SNY	Moscow	6	-4	LC
Dubai	29	23	SNY	New York	17	7	LC
Houston	22	11	SNY	Singapore	32	26	LC
Istanbul	9	7	LC	Toronto	11	0	LC
London	13	8	LC	Washington	24	6	LC

Deaths as military stages major show of might on annual Armed Forces Day

Children among those killed, more than 100 people injured in 40 locations: UN

Saturday's toll the highest in a day since the Feb 1 coup; at least 269 killed so far

91 PROTESTERS SHOT DEAD ON MYANMAR'S DAY OF HORROR

YANGON

MYANMAR security forces killed ninety-one protesters on Saturday, the bloodiest day since the February 1 coup, as the junta staged a major show of might for its annual Armed Forces Day, Reuters reported quoting witnesses and local media.

The country's capital Naypyidaw saw a grand parade of troops and military vehicles in the morning, with a speech by junta leader Min Aung Hlaing warning that acts of so-called "terrorism" were unacceptable. This year's event was seen as a flashpoint for violence, with demonstrators threatening to double down on their public opposition to the coup with more and bigger demonstrations. The protesters refer to the holiday by its original name, Resistance Day, which marks the beginning of a revolt against Japanese occupation in World War 2.

State television MRTV on Friday night showed an announcement urging young people — who have been at the forefront of the protests and prominent among the casualties — to learn a lesson from those killed during demonstrations about the danger of being shot in the head or back.

The warning was widely taken as a threat because a great number of the fatalities among protesters have come from being shot in the head, suggesting they have been targeted for death.

The announcement suggested that some young people were taking part in protesting as if it was a game, and urged their parents and friends to talk them out of participating.

A count issued by an independent researcher in Yangon who has been compiling near-real time death tolls put the total as darkness fell at 93, spread over more than two dozen cities and towns. The online news site *Myanmar Now* reported the death toll had reached 91.

Both numbers are higher than all estimates for the previous high on March 14, which ranged in counts from 74 to 90. In his speech Saturday, Min Aung Hlaing used the occasion to try to justify the overthrow of Suu Kyi's government, accusing it of failing to investigate irregularities in last November's general election, and repeating that his government would hold "a free and fair election" and hand over power afterward.

The UN on Saturday said it had received reports of 'scores killed' in Myanmar in 'shocking violence' by the country's military against protesters. "We are receiving reports of scores killed, incl. children, 100s injured across 40 locations, & mass arrests," the UN human rights high commissioner's office said in a tweet. "We have four reports of children being killed, including at least one infant," UN office's spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani said. *Agencies*

Demonstrators scramble for cover as security forces fire tear gas during a protest against the military coup on Saturday in Mandalay, Myanmar | AP

TROUBLE SPOTS
Most of Saturday's deaths were reported from Mandalay and Yangon

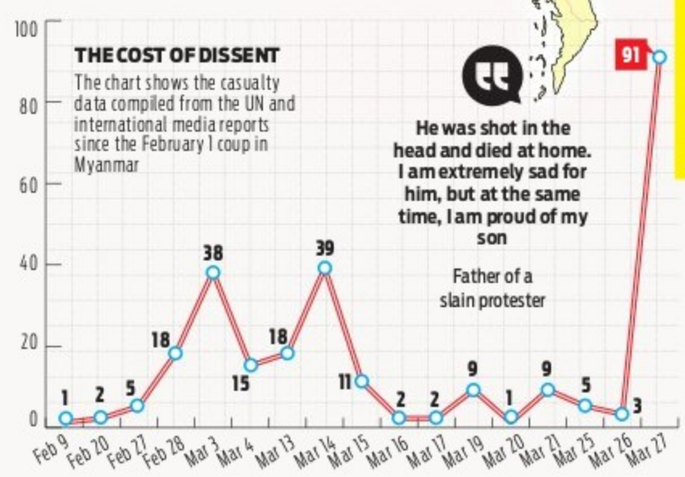
MANDALAY 29 killed

YANGON 24 killed

Dozens of deaths were also reported on Saturday in other towns, including Dawei, Kawthaung, Monywa, Kyaikhto and Pathein

One-year-old shot in the eye
A one-year-old baby playing on the street in a northern Yangon township was hit in the eye with a rubber bullet when police unleashed gunfire at nearby protesters. She was rushed to the hospital by her parents. Since the February 1 coup, more than 20 children have been killed

THE COST OF DISSENT
The chart shows the casualty data compiled from the UN and international media reports since the February 1 coup in Myanmar



"He was shot in the head and died at home. I am extremely sad for him, but at the same time, I am proud of my son"
Father of a slain protester

UK vows to hold junta accountable for killings

LONDON/WASHINGTON

BRITAIN on Saturday accused the Myanmar military of new levels of violence against protesters, which the UN said had left scores killed.

"Today's killing of unarmed civilians, including children, marks a new low," Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said in a statement.

"We will work with our international partners to end this senseless violence, hold those responsible to account, and secure a path back to democracy."

The US embassy in Myanmar condemned the junta for "murdering" civilians. "Security forces are murdering unarmed civilians, including children, the very people they swore to protect," said a statement released on the embassy's Facebook page.

"These are not the actions of a professional military or police force."

Phil Robertson, deputy Asia director for New York-based Human Rights Watch, said Saturday's events showed that the military should be prosecuted in international courts of law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our client, **Mr.DIRAVIA KANI S** S/o Mr.Sebastiyar & **Mrs.JOSEPHINE ANTONY PUNITHA** W/o Mr. Diravia Kani S, No.16, 17 Classic Enclave Phase III, Chelekhere Hennur Cross Next to Sai Exclancey Apt, Bangalore North Bangalore-560043 are intending to purchase the **"Schedule Property"** mentioned hereunder from **Mr.A.RAJAPPA** S/o Mr.Aryogappa Rep his GPA holder **Mr.D.M.PURNESH** S/o Mr.D.B.Manje Gowda. Any Person/s, Banks, Financial Institution., etc. objecting for the proposed sale or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the **"Schedule property"** are hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the advocate mentioned herein failing which our client shall proceed and complete the Sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Site No.12** and **Site No.13A,** carved out of Sy.No.113/1, converted for non-agricultural residential purpose, vide Official Memorandum Dated 15.01.1990, Bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)472/1988-89, issued by Office of the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore, Measuring **1625 Square Feet and 477 Square Feet** respectively and bounded on the :-
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C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845846428
Bangalore Date : 28-03-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client Mr. Nagacharan and Mrs. Lakshmi Devi R/at No. 505/21/22, Samart Layout, Arekere Village, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-76, intend to purchase the SCHEDULE PROPERTY from Mr. Mohammad Mustafa @ Mudamul Mustafa R/at No. 489, 1st Floor, 29th Main, BTM layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-76, who represents that he is the sole and absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and that the Schedule Property is free from all kinds of encumbrances whatsoever and that there are no third party claims or rights on the Schedule Property.

Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within one week from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Residential property bearing **No. 85,** Khatha No. 441/85 situated at 6th Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, Bangalore, layout formed and developed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore measuring East to West: **6.10 Mtrs.** and North to South: **9.14 Mtrs.** totally measuring about **55.75 Sq. Mtrs.** along with the building having RCC roofing, Vitrified tiled flooring, jungle wood doors and windows, along with Electricity, Water and Sanitary connection, presently coming within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore, together with all appurtenances whatsoever, whether situated on, below or above the surface, and bounded on the:

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North by : Property No. 90
South by : Road.

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Mobile : 9342878205;
Bangalore Date: 27/03/2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **1) Mr. MOHAMMED AFZAL HUSSAIN,** S/o.Late.Mr.Mohammed Sadiq Hussain, **2) Mr. MOHAMMED SHOUKATH,** S/o.Mr.Mohammed Hussain, and **3) Mrs. SHAISTHA SULTANA,** W/o.Mr.Mohammed Afzal Hussain, All are Residing at # 5, M.K.Palya, Off M.M.Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005, intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder from the vendors 1) Mrs.Dhanabhagya .G.K. 2) Mr.Siddharth .D. Naidu, 3) Ms.D.Ankitha Naidu, Sl.No.1 is the wife and Sl.No.2 is the son and Sl.No.3 is the daughter of Late.Mr.V.J.Dhanpal, All are Residing at # 51/1, 2nd Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanjithi Nagar, Bangalore-560027, Who claims to be the Absolute co-owners having inherited the same from their husband and father respectively.

Any person who has got any Right, Title, Interest or claim and objections if any to the proposed sale transaction may write to the undersigned with documentary proof within **Ten Days** from the date of Publication of this Notice, failing which it is presumed that there are no claims, and no objections, and my client will proceed with the said sale transaction and no claims or objections will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential Property Bearing Municipal Corporation No.60, Old No.1-A, situated **Moore Road, (Previously Called as Rathan Singh Road Junction), Frazer Town, (Pulikeshi Nagar),** Old BBMP Ward No.91, New BBMP Ward No.78, Bangalore.

Measuring :
East to West : 45 feet;
North to South : 35 feet

BOUNDED ON THE :
East By : Private Property;
West By : Private Property;
North By : Railway Lane;
South By: Moore Road;

ABDUL LATEEF KHAN
Advocate, M.A.,LL.B.,
No.16, 12th Cross, B.S.A. Road, 1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, B'lore-84. M-9845110533
Place : Bangalore Date : 28-03-2021

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

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1) Downloading of document through e-proc portal : **26.03.2021 to 05.04.2021 up to 15.00 Hrs.** 2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **31-03.2021. Time :11.30 Hrs.** Venue : O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Po: Habbuwada, Karwar- Uttara Kannada Dist. 3) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids : **05.04.2021 Time : 16.30 Hrs.** 4) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening : **06.04.2021 Time : 17:00 Hrs.** 5) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ (ಉ.ಕ.ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ)

DIPR/KWR/MCA/902/20-21 dt.26.3.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the General Public, that my client **Smt.Vasantha Jagadesan** Aged about 55 years, R/at No.13/49, Shankan Illam, Tank Street, Hosur Town, Krishnagiri District, Tamilnadu State has lost Original Sale Deed dated **12/08/2011**, registered as Document No. **11093/2011**, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Hosur, Krishnagiri District in respect of Town Sy. No.57, Ward-B, Block-48 measuring 1092 Square Feet formed in New Sub Division Sy. No. 720/2 and 721/2 (Old Sy. No.720) and the said extent is fallen in Sy. No.720/2. In this regard a Complaint also has been lodged in the Jurisdictional Police.

The finder of the above said document may return the same to the undersigned. The above said person asserts that the said property is free from all kind of encumbrances, therefore the same may be hand over to the undersigned immediately. If anybody claims any charge over the property shall place their claim within 07 days from publication of this notice. Failing which my client will proceed with to deal the property including creation of charge, over the same presuming that there are no subsisting claims whatsoever nature from any person/s.

Sd/- B.LOKESH
Advocate & Consultant
No.5, STB Complex, Near Anekal Civil Court, Anekal Town, Bangalore-562 106,
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CORRIGENDUM TO ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION NO. 06/2019

The Advertisement No: **06/2019** issued for the **02 posts** of **Multi Tasking Staff (Category-III)** is hereby annulled/ cancelled due to administrative reasons.

Date: 11.03.2021 Sd/- REGISTRAR i/c

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC

General Public is hereby notified that, my client **Mr. Madhusudan. S** S/o Shivarudrappa, Residing at No.241, JC Extension, 2nd Ward, Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, is the owner of the properties **a.** Katha bearing katha no.2040/1665/1084 measuring EW 19 feet and NS 41½ feet and **b.** Katha bearing katha no. 2037/1662/1081, measuring EW 18¼ feet and NS 39 feet, Both are situated at **Ward No.13, 3rd Division, Nagareshwara Swamy Temple Road, Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** My client lost the following original sale deed pertains to the said property i.e.

A. Original sale deed dated 10.06.1981, executed by **Manjunatha** s/o H. Munirudrappa in favor of Shivarudrappa s/o Basappa, which is registered as the document no.685/1981-82, in office of Sub registrar, Devanahalli.

B. Original sale deed dated 01.11.2001, executed by **Puttamma and others** in favor of Shivarudrappa s/o Basappa, which is registered as the document no.1881/2001-02, in office of Sub registrar, Devanahalli.

In this regard he logged complainant at Bangalore City Police, on 24-03-2021 in serial number 1003855, report No.082774/2021. Finders may return the same to the above said Police Station or Devanahalli Police station or to my client or else if anyone has objection in this regard contact me in the below address within **7 days** from today or otherwise it will be treated that no original document is with anyone and also no objection in this regard from anyone.

Manjunath R.M., Advocate,
M.M. Advocate Associates,
Opp. Mini Vidhana Soudha, B.B. Road
Devanahalli Town-562110

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that our client proposes to purchase the below described Schedule Property from its owners **1. SRI. LAL ACHWANI,** aged about 53 years, S/o Sri.Parmanand Achwani, **2. SRI.MOHAN ACHWANI,** aged about 45 years, S/o Sri.Parmanand Achwani, **3. SRI RAJESH ACHWANI,** aged about 44 years, S/o Sri.Parmanand Achwani, all residing at no.1349, 10. Cross, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore-560 060.

Any person (s)/institutions/ banks having any manner of right or claim over the Schedule Property may lodge their objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 07 (seven) days hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing nos.371 & 372 formed in Sy nos.57 to 82 in the layout formed by M/s Amarjyothi House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., at Domlur Village Civil area, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now bearing PID no.72-38-371/372, known as Amarjyothi HBCS layout, Domlur, Bangalore admeasuring

East to West: 59ft, North to South towards eastern side: 37 ft, Towards western side: 44 ft.

Together with building standing thereon and bounded as follows:

On the East by: Road, West by:Private property, North by: Private property nos.369 & 370 and, South by:Road.

C.S.Vishwanath,
Advocate,
Ph-41247862
Bangalore
Date: .03.2021

HDFC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916
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POSSESSION NOTICE (Symbolic possession)

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of the Property
1	Mr. Ankur Malhotra (Borrower)	Rs. 83,95,919/- (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Only) as on 30.06.2020	30.07.2020	26.03.2021	Flat No.A1003, 10th Floor, Block A, Nitesh Caesars Palace, Sy. No. 17/2, 17/3, Raghuvanahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru, Karnataka, with undivided Proportionate share of Land underneath.
2	Mr. Mahmood Alam Khan (Borrower)	Rs. 84,82,496/- (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six Only) as on 31.01.2020	11.02.2020	26.03.2021	Flat No. Q-1104, 11th Floor, Block Q, Mantri Serenity, S No. 57 (P), 58(P), 56(P) & 60(P), Doddakallasandra, Uttarahalli Hobli Off, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru, Karnataka with undivided Proportional share of Land Underneath.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation.

However, since the borrower mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken Symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Pnachanma drawn and Inventory madeare available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower is requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: 28.03.2021 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **HDFC Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, K.Ravi Kumar, Residing at No 357,7th cross,Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-27 have Changed my Son's name from **AADITYA.R.** TO **R.MOHAN AADHITYA** Vide Affidavit Dated :24.3.2021 Sworn before Notary S.Ramesh Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, A.G.Sudharshan, R/o 62, 5th main, 1st stage, Postal colony, Sanjay nagar, Bangalore - 94, have changed my daughter's name as **YASHMITHA RAO S** instead of **Anchetty Sudharshan Yashmitha,** vide affidavit dated 27-03-2021 sworn before Notary R. Ramesh, Bangalore - 560097

AFFIDAVIT
I, **RAZIA BEGUM,** age 48 years, W/o Mr. Mahaboob Ali .D, R/at Malik Mahal, # 5, 10th Cross, 16th Main Road, BTM Layout 1st Stage, Bengaluru-29 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **RAZIYA BEGUM** and **RAZIA BEGUM** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 26th March 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.G. Sriram** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAZIYA ASMA GAFFAR,** Aged 37Years, R/at No.2339, 21st Cross, Ashoka Road, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru City-570001, have changed my daughter name from **FAYIQHA KHANAM** to **FAYIQHA NOORAIN** vide affidavit dated:27/3/2021 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUKESH S S/o Shashisekaran Nair, 39 years, R/at No.512, Ushas 2nd A Cross, Near Balaji Clinic Muthyalanagar, Gokul Extension, Bangalore North, have changed my daughter name from **ANANYA** to **"RIYA NAIR"** vide affidavit dated 27.03.2021 sworn before Notary **G R Ravichandra Reddy,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MOHAMMAD MAMOONUR RASHID, residing at No. Sai Poorna Luxuria, T6, Flat No. 123, No. 32/10, Reliable Tranquil Layout, Horlakunte Village, Begur Hobli, Kudlu Road, Near Pratham Motors, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068, have changed my Minor Son's name from **MOHAMMAD DIYAN RASHID** to **DIYAN RASHID** vide affidavit Dated 18/03/2021 sworn before Notary G.Dayananda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KALAIVANI ANBU** R/at No. K-7, 1st Floor, R A Road, Near Shine Bakery, Ejipura, Viveknagar Post, Bengaluru-560047 have changed my name to **A. KALAIVANI** vide affidavit dated:25/3/2021 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **MADEVAMMA @ SHOBHA,** W/o Late Siddaraju, aged about 34 years, R/a No. 10, 5th Cross, Azadnagar, Bangalore South, Government Electric Factory, Bangalore-560026, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **SHOBHA** and **MADEVAMMA** are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 26-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R.S. VIJAY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PATCHIGOLLA SARVAMANGALA,** W/o. Patchigolla Satyanarayana Murthy, aged about 55 years, residing at Door No. 1378/A, 70/1, 8th Cross, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 050, have changed my name from **PATCHIGOLLA SAROJA** to **PATCHIGOLLA SARVAMANGALA** vide affidavit dated 26.03.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary P.Vijaya Kumar at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MEHTAB RAANA SYED ABDUL WAHAB** R/at Jain Heights Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, Hennur Main Road, Bengaluru -560043 have changed my name to **MEHTAB RAANA** vide affidavit dated:16/3/2021 Before Notary **Smt.Rajamani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ADITHYA PRAKASH .G,** S/o M. Gangadhar, aged about 41 years, R/a House Number 113, 2nd Main Road, Ramachandrapuram, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021, do hereby declare that i have changed my son's name from **SANJAY .P** to **ADITHYA SANJAY .P,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **ADITHYA SANJAY .P** only, vide affidavit dated 26-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. GOWTHAMI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RISHA** D/o V. Anand, residing at Sterling Terraces Apartment, G Block, 1002, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085, have changed my name as **RISHA ANAND,** vide affidavit dated 27-03-2021 before Notary Public **H.S. DHARMA PRASAD,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHREEKANT K BETGERI,** aged about 56 years, S/o. Kashappa Doddappa Betgeri, resident of Flat No. D2/13, Binnyston Garden Apartment, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560 023, have changed my name from **SHREEKANT** to **SHREEKANT K BETGERI** vide affidavit dated 27.03.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SEEMA DEVI SAAROFF THIPPARAJU** D/o Thipparaju and W/o Sri. S.V. Mahesh Kumar, R/o No. G002, CIRO Apartments, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilekahalli, Bangalore - 560076, have changed my name as **SEEMA SRIRAM MAHESH,** vide affidavit dated 27-03-2021 before Notary Public **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.,** Bangalore.

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$542.02 bn was India's forex reserve as of September 25, according to RBI data. This was an decrease of $3.017 billion over the previous week

Divestment target of ₹1.75 lakh cr for FY22 well within reach, says CEA

BPCL privatisation will easily fetch ₹80,000 crore; LIC lisiting will also raise about ₹1 lakh cr

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EXUDING confidence that the central government will "walk the talk" on divestment, Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) to the Finance Ministry Krishnamurthy Subramanian on Saturday said that the target of ₹1.75 lakh crore for 2021-22 is "eminently achievable" led by the privatisation of BPCL and listing of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

"The BPCL privatisation will easily fetch ₹75,000 crore to ₹80,000 crore while the LIC listing will raise about ₹1 lakh crore," he said at the third anniversary event of Jana Small Finance Bank, adding that work had begun on these in the current fiscal and will be completed in the new fiscal.

The government is selling its entire 52.98 per cent stake in BPCL in the nation's biggest privatisation till date. Vedanta Group and private equity firms Apollo Global and I Squared Capital's Indian unit Think Gas have put in an expression of interest for buying the Centre's stake.

As for LIC listing, the government has already got amendments in the LIC Act passed through Finance Bill 2021 in Parliament earlier this week.

Subramanian furter said that the country requires growth at this juncture as it aspires to increase its dominance and self- reliance in the global economy. He expressed confidence that India's economic growth will go back to the 7 to 7.5 per cent trajectory in coming years with higher gross fixed capital formation and productivity measures bearing fruit.

While it is estimated that GDP growth will be in double digits in 2021-22, the CEA said he is optimistic that from 2022-23, the economy will expand at about 6 per cent to 6.5 per cent and hit the upward trend and go to 7 per cent to 7.5 per cent. "I don't foresee the possibility of stagflation," he stressed.

He also said that the country needs a lot more banks, citing the case of United States, which has one third of India's population but there are about 25,000 to 30,000 banks.

Govt may move to regulate, not ban cryptocurrencies

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

AT a time when speculations are rife that the government would impose a blanket ban on virtual currencies, the industry is hopeful that India may rather regulate crypto assets. This comes after the Ministry of Corporate Affairs announced amendments in the Company Act (2013) seeking disclosures from companies dealing with such currencies.

The new regulations will be effective from April 1,2021. Industry watchers say that the guidelines signal a positive shift, validating institutional investments in cryptocurrencies which will further boost investors' confidence as well as help companies to move ahead in creation of crypto assets. Globally, too, the likes of Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Twitter Chief Jack Dorsey lent their support to digital currencies.

The Indian government's fresh guidelines allows companies to disclose profits/ losses on any crypto transactions, the amount of holding as well as details of advances from any person for the purpose of investing/ trading in cryptocurrencies. The disclosures will have to be made by the companies in their balance sheets. India's Internet and Mobile Association while welcoming the move said that it will bring more transparency within crypto trading. "The move opens the door for all Indian companies to have crypto on their balance sheets. It is a good sign that India is moving towards more acceptance and awareness amongst the mainstream markets and regulators. This would help in shaping the market, eventually leading to its growth," said Sohail Merchant, CEO of Pocketbits and a member of IAMAI's Blockchain and Crypto Assets Council.

> **Companies disclosing their crypto holdings and transactions will create an inclusive financial ecosystem that acknowledges and embraces crypto investments**
>
> Sumit Gupta, CEO & co-founder, CoinDCX

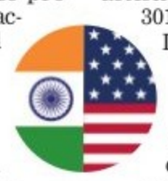
Earlier this week, RBI Governor, Shaktikanta Das also said that the central bank has flagged some concerns on the cryptocurrencies to the government. He, however, maintained that efforts are afoot to develop a digital currency model which will address the financial risks, legal challenges. Currently, there are about 10 million crypto investors in India with a combined assets of over $1 billion.

According to Sumit Gupta, CEO & co-founder, CoinDCX, the move will bring transparency and act as a comfort for Indian companies which are dealing in crypto-assets and were previously confused on how to put it in their books. "We have already implemented enhanced KYC requirements for institutions," he added.

USTR proposes retaliatory trade action against India over digital tax

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE United States Trade Representative (USTR) has slammed India's digital services tax which, it said. discriminates against US firms like Google, Facebook and Amazon. The trade body has also proposed retaliatory trade actions against India and five other countries — Italy, Turkey, U.K., Spain and Austria – that have or will be imposing a levy or digital services tax on e-commerce companies. It has issued notices seeking public comments on the proposed trade actions.



The USTR, in a statement, said that it is proceeding with the public notice and comment process on possible trade actions to preserve procedural options before the conclusion of the statutory one-year time period for completing the investigations. With respect to the Indian Digital Services Tax, the USTR has said that it has requested written comments regarding a potential trade action in connection with Sec. 301 investigation of India's Digital Services Tax.

According to USTR's findings, out that of the 119 firms that are likely subjected to India's equalisation levy of 2 per cent, a total of 86 or 72 per cent are US companies. Of the rest, seven firms each were from China and UK, while there were 6 French firms and five Japanese companies which too were impacted, USTR said.

Meanwhile, minister of commerce and industry Piyush Goyal spoke to his counterpart US trade representative Katherine Tai on Thursday and have agreed to work "constructively" to resolve outstanding trade issues and take a "comprehensive" look at ways to expand the relationship. But, there was no explicit reference to a trade agreement in the readout of their conversation issued by the office of the USTR. It was not clear if the two sides intend to pick up from where the Trump administration had left off or start afresh, as Goyal suggested some weeks ago.

Commerce Ministry officials argue that there was no inherent discrimination and that the levy was imposed on foreign firms which did not have any significant operations in India but sold here, "in order to bring them on par with Indian e-commerce firms which were subject to a number of taxes."

EXPRESS READ

Minda Industries to invest over ₹250 cr

New Delhi: Minda Industries, the flagship of UNO Minda Group, on Saturday said it will invest over ₹250 crore in expanding its four-wheel lighting and alloy wheel business to meet the increased demand as its existing units are operating at near capacity. The automotive components maker will also set up a manufacturing plant at Bhagapura in Gujarat at an investment of ₹90 crore.

SBI, HDFC on SMS norm defaulters list: TRAI

New Delhi: The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) issued a list of defaulters including State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Life Insurance Corporation of India that have not adopted the new SMS regulations rolled out to prevent online frauds, directing them to fully implement rules by March.

Traders stare at huge losses as fresh curbs dampen Holi spirit

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

AMID a resurgence in coronavirus cases and the subsequent restrictions imposed in the country, Holi this year is expected to be a muted affair not just for those who wish to celebrate the festival but also for small traders.

In Delhi, for instance, traders had stocked themselves with goods in the hope of better sales unlike the pandemic year when consumers had completely refrained from visiting markets resulting in gradual loss in business. But, this year, too, there is a tremendous decline and markets have been relatively empty in the week leading up to the festival of colours. "After theCovid-19 guidelines issued on Holi in all the states including Delhi, traders are very worried as they have got a huge stock which is currently difficult to sell," said CAIT Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal. Gulal makers are likely to face losses worth ₹25,000 crore, with Delhi expected to see a dent of ₹1,500 crore in business, note CAIT.

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That apart, there are roughly around 40,000 events that are typically organised across India, but this year most people will likely celebrate the festival of colours at home. In Delhi alone, about 3,000 Holi events are held every year. But this year, the government has banned public celebrations and similar guidelines have been issued in almost all the states of the country which will have a direct impact on business.

"These events and functions are also a source of income for caterers, confectioners, tent houses, among others. It is estimated that each year about ₹200 crore is spent on such events," CAIT added.

Small traders may spray a dismal shade of red also due to shortage of China-made water guns and balloons. Industry estimates show India imports 90 per cent of such products from the neighbouring nation.

Micro lending start-ups get in on fundraising spree post Covid

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@ Bengaluru

MICRO lending start-ups Five Star Finance and KreditBee have raised nearly $300 million this week as investors look to cash in on small businesses and small ticket size personal loan markets in India. Chennai-based NBFC Fivestar Finance attained the unicorn status after raising $23 4 million from a consortium of global and homegrown investors in which new investors like KKR India, TVS Capital also participated.

"The company is a true pioneer in the market having supported the growth of MSMEs for decades, playing an important role in India's economy. Five Star is a terrific example of the type of solutions-oriented business that KKR looks to support through its Global Impact strategy and in India, and we look forward to working with Lakshmipathy and his team to build on Five Star's long-term success," said Gaurav Trehan, Partner at KKR.

The NBFC start-up said that it aims to bridge the funding gap in the MSME industry with 60 million such businesses , employing more than 125 million people and contributing to 30 per cent of the country's economy. Similarly, KreditBee also announced the closure of its $145 million Series C funding round which included a fresh capital raise from $70 million led by Motilal Oswal Security and New Quest Capital Partners.

This also marks the biggest fund raise by the lending start-up since the onset of Covid-19 pandemic, demonstrating the growing investor confidence in the microfinance ecosystem. The microfinance sector in India reported a strong recovery in the December-ended quarter of FY21 with disbursements growing by 80 per cent sequentially with the government allowing loan restructuring for borrowers to tide over the pandemic stress. "The requirements of the average middle class Indian can only be met by a multitude of lending products," said Amit Gupta, founding partner at NewQuest Capital Partners.

Power demand to surpass pre-Covid levels in Q4

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DESPITE partial lockdowns in a few regions due to a resurgence in Covid-19 case counts, analysts expect that India's power consumption—a key indicator of overall economic activity—will be above pre-Covid levels in the last quarter of this financial year (Q4FY21). While power consumption had slowed a little during February to see a marginal y-o-y growth compared to the previous two months, it has shot up again during the first few weeks of March, industry data showed.

According to a report released by India Ratings and Research, India's electricity demand is expected to be higher year-on-year in the fourth quarter. "In February 2021, the all-India energy demand increased 0.2% yoy to 104.6 billion units (January: up 5 %; December 2020: up 4.9%)," the report noted, also observing that India's electricity demand had recorded a new high of 189.6 gigawatts (GW) in January.

0.2% Demand rise in February

5% Demand rise in January

"The energy demand over April 2020-February 2021 was lower by 2.8% on a yoy basis (9MFY21: down 3.9% yoy; 1HFY21: down 8.7% yoy; 1QFY21: down 15.9% yoy)," the report added. The report indicates a steady improvement over the past few quarters, with more lucrative commercial and industrial demand recovering and catching up with household consumption again.

While official data is not yet available for the entire month of March, industry data indicates that power consumption pan-India recorded a sharp spike of 16.5 per cent in the first 12 days of the month, recording 47.67 billion units, compared to the corresponding period a year ago, when the figure had stood at 40.92 BU. In terms of power demand met, the highest supply recorded in a day, during this 12-day period the month was far ahead of the highest record of 170.16 GW in all of March 2020. During March 1-12, 2021, peak power demand met touched a peak of 186.03 GW on March 11, 2021, recording a growth of 9.3 per cent over March 2020. For the full month of March, pan-India power demand growth is likely to come in at double digits, far higher than the 98.95 BU recorded in March 2020, say analysts.

India's power demand only began recording year on year growth from September this financial year, since the first half had been decimated by the pandemic. After a gap of six months, power consumption recorded a 4.6 per cent year-on-year growth in September and 11.6 per cent in October.

Wind power capacity soars, but not enough

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

2020 might have been the best year in history for the global wind industry with 93 GW of new capacity installed, but this 53 per cent year-on-year increase — massive as it is during a pandemic year—is nevertheless not nearly enough for the world to attain net zero emission status by 2050.

According to a new report published by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), this growth is not sufficient to ensure the world achieves net zero by the time half the century is over and the industry will have to install wind power three times faster over the next decade in order to stay on a net zero pathway and avoid the worst impacts of climate change. "In 2020, record growth was driven by a surge of installations in China and the US—the world's two largest wind power markets—who together installed 75 per cent of the new installations in 2020 and account for over half of the world's total wind power capacity. Today, there is now 743 GW of wind power capacity worldwide, helping to avoid over 1.1 billion tonnes of CO_2 globally—equivalent to the annual carbon emissions of South America," the agency said.

According to the scenarios that have been established by international energy bodies such as IRENA and the IEA, the world needs to be installing a minimum of 180 GW of new wind energy every year to limit global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, the council said, adding that the world will need to install up to 280 GW annually to maintain a pathway compliant with meeting net zero by 2050.

"This means that the industry and policymakers need to work collaboratively and act fast to accelerate deployment," it said. "Our market forecasts show that 469 GW of new wind power capacity will be installed over the next five years," said Ben Backwell, CEO at GWEC.

E-MOBILITY

Cheap, inferior quality products hampering EV popularity in India: Ather Energy

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE biggest reason electric two-wheelers aren't popular in India is because the market is flooded with cheap and substandard products, according to Hero MotoCorp-backed Ather Energy.

"EVs have been in India for around ten years but their market share is less than one per cent of total 2W sales. We believe if lakhs of people are migrating to a newer technology, the performance has to be in par with or better than petrol scooters. If one is switching to EVs thinking only to save money on fuel, this segment will never grow," Ravneet Singh Phokela, chief business officer of Ather Energy told this publication. Advocating that the FAME II policy which does not incentivise low-speed lead-acid battery powered EVs is a step in the right direction, Phokela said that no one wants to buy a scooter or a bike that cannot go beyond 30-35kmph.

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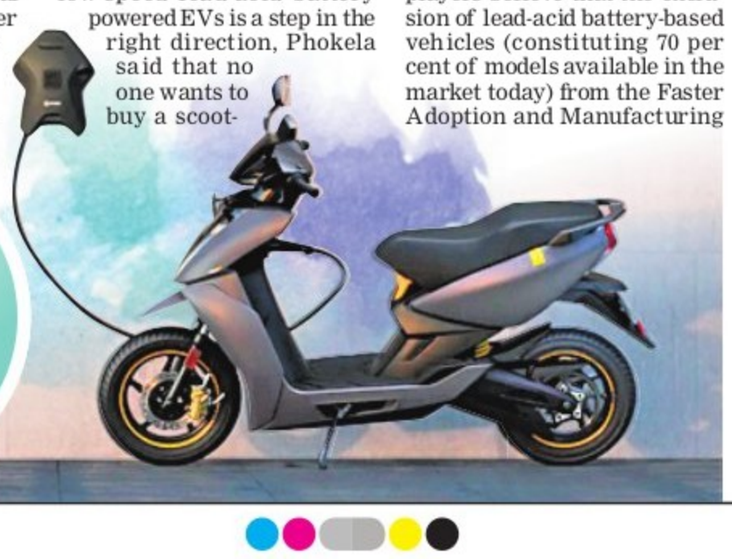

"These substandard products are destroying credibility of the entire industry. One more thing this FAME II does right is incentivising localisation. You can't just import and assemble here," he said.

Leading electric two-wheeler players believe that the exclusion of lead-acid battery-based vehicles (constituting 70 per cent of models available in the market today) from the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME II) scheme had a negative impact on EV sales.

Ather scooters are powered by advanced Lithium-ion batteries and qualify for subsidies up to ₹29,000 under the FAME scheme. However, this advance technology comes with a big price tag. Ather Energy's 450X model costs over ₹1.5 lakh, which is almost double the price of an average e-two-wheeler in India.Despite this, the company said they are growing at a rate of 20-25 per cent month-on-month and doubling their reach to 50 markets by next year.

When asked about the entry of cab-aggregator Ola in this space, Ather said that at present it is too small to think about any competition. SoftBank-backed Ola is investing ₹2,400 crore to set up the world's largest electric scooter manufacturing plant in Tamil Nadu with an initial capacity to produce 2 million units in a year.

Sachin contracts virus after road safety series

Legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has tested positive for Covid-19 and is currently in home isolation, according to sources close to the family. Tendulkar recently took part in the Road Safety World Series Challenge tournament in Raipur.

Gokulam Kerala clinch I-League title

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

AT the end of last season, I-League was hit with shocking reality that the likes of Mohun Bagan and East Bengal were going to move to Indian Super League, putting more questions on an already ailing league about its future. However, after yet another pulsating finish to the league, this competition continues to defy odds and stay relevant.

At the end of the final matchday on Saturday, Kerala-based outfit Gokulam Kerala FC emerged with the I-League trophy. For 70-odd minutes, they were trailing 0-1 to TRAU FC and it looked as if the Manipur based team were going to walk away with the title.

A TRAU triumph would have been a fairytale in itself, but Gokulam had other ideas as they overturned the deficit to win 4-1. Churchill Brothers would also feel hard done by as their 3-2 victory over RoundGlass Punjab was not enough to claim the top prize.

When league top-scorer Bidyashagar Singh struck in the 24th minute, it looked like the dream was slipping away from them.

However, Gokulam came out all guns blazing in the second half with goals from Sharif Mukhammad (70), Emil Benny (74), Denny Antwi (77) and Muhammed Rashid (90+8) scoring to script a historic night in Kolkata. With this effort, Gokulam became the first-ever club from Kerala to win a league title at the national stage and play in the AFC Cup.

The Pune decider

India should shake off old fashion approach against England; spinners' loss of form a worry

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

INDIA are inarguably the world's foremost red-ball side. However, when it comes to white-ball, they are an old-fashioned outfit. The records since the beginning of 2020 indicate this. They have picked up a series win over Australia (2-1) but have lost to New Zealand (0-3), a return series against Australia (1-2) and face a decider against England in Pune on Sunday. Lose that and Virat Kohli & Co will lose three consecutive 50-over bilaterals.

Sure, one can argue that the 50-over bilaterals frequently lack context and these losses really don't count for much in larger picture. But, these losses is a continuation of a broader trend: India's template when it comes to ODIs is perhaps past its shelf life. Their method, especially when it comes to setting targets, is cautious starts, keep wickets in the bank before exploding at the death. Even as a few sides have started treating ODIs as an extended T20 international the Indian team management swears by methods from at least 15-20 years ago.

Playing cricket this way has already cost them on several occasions. Why? Playing conservatively at the top frequently means they just about get to a par score. This was in evidence in both matches of the ODI series so far. Moeen Ali's spell of 10-0-47-0 in the second ODI is a fair reflection of a lack of proactive approach against one of the weakest links in the opposition ranks.

Cautious starts on flat tracks meant they finished with par scores. The only reason why this series is heading in a decider is because of one English collapse. Cast your mind back to the first ODI against New Zealand at Hamilton last year. The visitors finished with 347 for four. But it was overhauled with nine balls remaining.

That's the other worrying trend. Bowlers have performed admirably but they have stopped being effective of late. In Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav, the two wristspinners conjured up magic on a regular basis. That sprinkling of stardust has practically gone. As a result, it's put more pressure on the pacers to asphyxiate the batsmen.

Since the beginning of 2019 alone, India have lost thrice while defending 335 or above. This, in a nutshell, points to both issues mentioned above: slow starts coupled with spinners going for plenty.

Even as the likes of England have reinvented the ODI wheel, India have, by and large, remained true to one of the oldest maxims: keep wickets before going hard at the death.

If they can break free from those shackles and take a leap of faith, their potential is limitless. If they decide to embrace it in the third ODI, they will have chances of not losing for a third consecutive ODI series.

2 squash players test +ve, SRFI defers meet

SRINIDHI PR @ Chennai

THE resumption of international squash in India suffered a setback on Saturday as two Indian players tested positive for coronavirus. Just hours before the scheduled start of HCL SRFI Indian Tour Chennai Leg 1 — the first international squash tournament in the country since the lockdown last year, the federation announced that the tournament has been postponed till Monday. The event was slated to commence on Saturday and conclude on Wednesday at the Indian Squash Academy in Chennai. Forty eight players have registered for the event, including athletes from Canada, Egypt, France, Russia and the United States.

It is understood that both the players tested negative for Covid-19 before landing in Chennai on Friday. The first round of testing was done on Friday and the duo's reports returned positive on Saturday morning. Both have been withdrawn from the main draw and SRFI informed that another round of RT-PCR test will be done on Monday.

It is understood around six players travelled in the same flight to Chennai with the duo who are positive. All of the 48 players, two physiotherapists and a doctor have been put up in single occupancy rooms at the Courtyard by Marriot hotel in the city. All of them began their isolation on Friday.

"The two players who tested positive for coronavirus have been removed from the draw. We will be conducting another round of testing on Monday morning, so that we can start the tournament by Monday evening," Cyrus Poncha, SRFI secretary general, told this newspaper.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Saina bows out in semfinals

PARIS: Saina Nehwal bowed out in the women's singles semifinals of the Orleans Masters on Saturday. She lost 17-21, 17-21 to Denmark's Line Christophersen. However, the unheralded duo of Krishna Prasad Garaga and Vishnu Vardhan Goud Panjala kept India in title hunt by reaching men's doubles final.

SUCC (2) to face Vultures in final

BENGALURU: Swastic Union Cricket Club (2) beat Sir Syed Cricketers by eight wickets to reach the finals of KSCA U-16 inter club tournament. They will meet Vultures CC, who defeated Herons CC by 60 runs, in the final on Sunday. Harshil starred with ton in SUCC win, who chased the target (206) in 30th over. Dhanush Gowda and Ansh Aima took three wickets each to help Vultures dismiss Herons for 116 after former managed 176 in first innings.

Silver for Gurpreet after testing times

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

IT has been a strange two weeks for pistol shooter Gurpreet Singh. The Rio Olympian was looking forward to the Delhi World Cup after being out of the national team since late 2019. But myriad reasons, ranging from false positive test results, gun malfunctions to missing out on a quota for Tokyo, the Army shooter had to contend with a lot of issues. A silver lining came on Saturday as the 33-year-old finished second in the 25m rapid fire pistol mixed team final along with Ashok Abhidnya Patil.

It could have been worse after Gurpreet tested positive on March 19 and was forced to isolate. He thought the chance to represent the country was over. The Amritsar-born had made his way back into the team after impressing in the trials and the camp. "I had taken all sorts of precautions and was extra careful but when the positive report was relayed to me, I was in shock. If I had missed out on the chance to shoot here it would have been a big blow," the World Championships silver medallist said.

He was confident that he had not contracted the virus and two further tests were done and both returned negative. He was subsequently allowed to attend the pre-event training on Wednesday.

But if Gurpreet thought the worst was over, he was mistaken. He was leading at one point during qualifications but his gun malfunctioned and he had to sort out the issue and ultimately, he qualified in third place ahead of his India compatriots Anish Bhanwala and Vijayveer Sidhu. With the Olympics quota at stake, there was a lot to fight for. But it was not meant to be as he finished sixth in the finals.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

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Punjabi Kulfi ₹20* | 60 mL

Frostik ₹30* | 70 mL

*MRP (incl. of all taxes). Conditions apply.

Tricone Cookie Crunch Delight ₹30* | 120 mL

EPIC Choco Almond ₹45* | 80 mL

Jumbo Cup Rajbhog ₹35* | 125 mL

Sugar Free Vanilla with Chocolate Sauce ₹30* | 125 mL

Cake Magic Neapolitan ₹400* | 1.5 L

Fruit 'N' Nut Fantasy Tub ₹200* | 1 L

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri Narayanappa S/o. Late Muniyappa** aged about 63 years, and others have filed above petition for the death certificate of **One Late Muniyappa S/o. Late Chikkamunishamappa** who was died on 21-05-2015 at their residence at Gobbaragunte Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. **At Devanahalli** and the **date of hearing on 09/04/2021** at 11.00 A.M. in **C. Misc. No. 55/2021.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri S.P. GANDHI, Advocate

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MUNSIF COURT, HOSUR
I. A No. 299/2014 In O.S. No. 233/2011

1. **Munireddy** S/o Late Goopallireddy, Chittanapalli Village,Nallur Post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District,
2. **Puttamma** w/o Putta Reddy, Madivalam Village, Nallur Post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District,
3. **Chinnamma** w/o Muni Reddy, D/o Late Goopalli Reddy,
4. **Rajamma** w/o Rama Reddy, D/o Late Goopalli Reddy, No. 3 and 4 are residing at Chittanapalli Village, Nallur Post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District,

Petitioners/Plaintiffs

//Versus//

R17. **Visalatchi** w/o Ramasami, residing at U-16, 6th Cross, Magadi Road, Bangalore, Karnataka State.
R20. **R. Govidasamy** S/o Raja, residing at No. 9/11, 12th Cross, Magadi Road, Bangalore, Karnataka State.
R28. **Muniyappa** S/o Yellappa, residing at No. 23/13, 4th Cross, Magadi Road, Bangalore, Karnataka State.
R117. **M. Munireddy** S/o Muniswamy Reddy, residing at No. D-55, Sarjapura Road, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka State.
R123. **M Thyagaraj** S/o Muniswamy Reddy,
R124. **I. Saritha** w/o Thyagaraj, No 123 and 124 are residing at No. 1014, Sarjapura Road, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka State

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Respondents/Proposed Parties

NOTICE

Please taken notice that the above Petitioners/ Plaintiffs had filed implead petition against you for implead necessary parties of the suit. The above petition has been posted on 21.04.2021 for your appearance. That you are hereby directed to appear on 21.04.2021 at 10.00 AM before In the court of District Munsif Court, Hosur, either in person or by pleader and state objections if any failing which the Honourable court will be passed the ex-parte order against you.

//By Court Order//
S. RAMESH B.A.,B.L.,
G. Shilpa B.Com., LLB.,
Advocates, Hosur - 635 109. Cell No: 9994222336

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients **NAVEEEN CHANDRA C.,** Son of Chandrashekhara.S & **AMULYA AITHAL.R.,** Wife of Naveen Chandra.C., have entered in to an agreement of sale for purchase of the Schedule property from its owner **C. KRISHNAMURTHY,** Son of late Y.Chowdappa, Residing at No.35, BSK 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase, 3rd Block, CKA Layout, Bangalore-560 085. If anybody having any rights, share, claim or objection to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of this publication to the purchaser's advocate at below mentioned address, failing which my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for registration of the sale deed in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Vacant Site No.148, Rajarajeshwari City Municipal Council Katha No.148/15, presently bearing Municipal New No.170/148/15, situated in the lay-out formed by the Vittalnagar House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd. In Sy.No.15 of BIKASIPURA Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the Jurisdiction of Bhruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, New PID No.197-W0321-35 and Ward No.197 of Vasanthapura and bounded on the:

East by : Property No.145, West by : Road, North by: Site No.149, South by:Site No.147

MEASURING:
EAST TO WEST : 45 FEET
NORTH TO SOUTH : 30 FEET
IN ALL MEASURING : 1350 SQUARE FEET

R.R.Upadhya, Advocate
No.126, First Floor, 5th Cross, Vittal Nagar, Near by ISRO Layout Cross, Bangalore-560078 Mobile : 9241102941.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, our client **Mr. K. Mahesh Naidu,** had **lost** the original Sale deed dated:02-02-2005, reg.doc.No.23927/04-05, executed by Mr. C. Kannan in favor of Smt. M. Puttalingamma, in respect of property bearing Site No.3, situated at Kammasandra Village, Atibiele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, while taking Xerox copy of the same near Uttarahalli Bus Stop. If anybody found the said document please contact this Nos.9844155041 and 9945999950.

V. S. Rai & Associates,
Law Firm. No.23,"Venkatadri" 6th Main, 5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING FIRST FLOOR, NO.4 RESIDENCY ROAD, BANGALORE.
O.A. No. 73/2018

DBS BANK INDIA LTD (Erstwhile The Lakshmi Vilas Bank Ltd), Bengaluru Main Branch, 10/1, 3rd Cross, Opposite Menaka Theater, Hospital Road, Kempe gowda Extension, BENGALURU-560 009.
--- APPLICANT

/VS/

M/S SHANKARA NARAYAN JEWELLERS AND OTHERS --- DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO PROPOSED DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

1. Smt. VIDHYA MAHESH, Aged 55 years, Wife of late P.V. Mahesh, No.129, D.R. Complex, First and Second floor, D.V.G. Road, Basavanagudi, BANGALORE -560 004
2. Ms. SANJANA PATHI, Aged 33 years, Daughter of late P.V. Mahesh, No.129, D.R. Complex, First and Second floor, D.V.G. Road, Basavanagudi, BANGALORE-560 004
3. Mr. TEJAS PATHI, Aged 30 years, Son of late P.V. Mahesh, No.129, D.R. Complex, First and Second floor, D.V.G.Road, Basavanagudi, BANGALORE-560 004.

WHEREAS, the Applicant Bank has instituted an Original Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the Defendants for the recovery of a sum of **Rs. 14,99,58,277-10 (Rupees Fourteen Crores Ninety Nine Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Seven and Ten Paise only)** as on 21-12-2017 with current and future interest and cost thereon and other relief/ reliefs.

02. During pendency of the above Original Application, the Second Defendant Mr. P.V. Mahesh, has expired on 05-04-2020 and the said deceased P.V. Mahesh have the Legal Representatives, the Applicant Bank has filed three Interlocutory Applications for bring the Legal Representatives of deceased P.V. Mahesh in I.A.No.1210/2020, Setting aside the abatement in I.A.No.1211/ 2020 and condonation of delay in filing the L.R's Application in I.A.No.1212/ 2020. The said applications have come up for hearing on 19-01-2021, this Tribunal has ordered to issue summons to Legal Heirs of Second Defendant deceased P.V. Mahesh.

03. You are all required to show cause on **07-06-2021 at 10.30** in the forenoon in Person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in the event of default, the Interlocutory Applications in Original Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of Tribunal, this **19th day of March 2021**

Sd/-The Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II,
Bengaluru-560025.

ADVOCATE FOR APPLICANT BANK:
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SALE CANCELLATION NOTICE

The sale notice dated **26.2.2021 for the e-auction dated 31.3.2021** issued under **SARFAESI Act 2002** by the **Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, Kumara Park West Branch,** for the properties mortgaged to **Canara Bank** in the account of **Mr.Devaraja H M, S/o Mr. B Muniappa** published in this Newspaper on **28.2.2021**, Sl No.7 is **hereby withdrawn**. All other matter remains same.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 27.3.2021

Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Salem Division,
Electric Loco Shed, Erode
E-TENDER NOTICE
No.SA/A/RS/ED/OT/20-21/12
dated: 24/03/2021

Online tender are invited for the following work:

Tender No: No.SA/A/RS/ED/OT/20-21/12 dated: 24/03/2021

Description of work: Works contract for Supply and Commissioning of L Block type End Carriage for 50 / 10T Reva make EOT Cranes – 2 nos. available at Electric Loco Shed, Southern Railway, Salem Division, Erode.

All details regarding the tender are available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer
Electric Loco Shed, Erode

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II (KARNATAKA) AT BENGALURU
O.A. No. 548 OF 2019

BETWEEN:
Karnataka Bank Ltd., ... APPLICANT
AND:
Sri. V.M. Sadananda and Four others. ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION TO,

Mr R. MANJUNATHA, Aged about 49 years, S/o. Sri. A.P. Ramappa, residing at No. 44, SIAT, South End Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru – 560 004. **...Defendant No.3**

Whereas the Applicant Bank above named has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.4,16,28,555/- (Rupees Four Crores Sixteen Lakhs Twenty Eight thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Five)** only together with interest, costs and for other reliefs. You are therefore directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defence, if any, and show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on or before **4-5-2021 at 10.30 A.M.** as to why the reliefs prayed for by the Applicant Bank against you, should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of your default, the Applicant will be heard and the case determined in your absence.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS **25th DAY OF MARCH 2021.**

Sd/- REGISTRAR,
DEBTSRECOVERTRIBUNAL-II
JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, No. 4,
RESIDENCY ROAD, BENGALURU – 560 025.

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank

Bengaluru Cantonment Branch,No. 35,
Lady Curzon Road, Shivaji Nagar,Bengaluru -560 001
Ph No. 9449864112 bangalorecantt@indianbank.co.in

Publication Sale Notice(Including for e-auction mode)

Notice of intended sale under Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement Rules) 2002 under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

To,**1.M/s Envision Group Proprietrix : Mrs. Manasa K J, (Borrowers)** No 114, Kempaiah Building, Gurupriya Kalyana Mantapa Road,1stCross, 1st Main Road, Karekallu Kamakshipalya, Bangalore 560079 **2.Mr. Channegowda K J (Guarantor)** S/o Kempaiah, No.114, Kempaiah Building, Gurupriya Kalyana Mantapa Road,1stCross, 1st Main Road, Karekallu Kamakshipalya Bangalore - 560079

Sub: Loan account M/s Envision Group (A/c No. 50291247498), proprietrix Mrs. Manasa K J with Indian Bank, Bangalore Cantonment Branch

M/s Envision Group, Proprietrix Mrs. Manasa K J, availed Cash Credit facility from erstwhile Allahabad Bank, Tasker Town branch presently merged with Indian Bank, Bangalore Cantonment Branch, the repayment of which is secured by Mortgage of schedule mentioned properties hereinafter referred to as "the Properties". **Mrs. Manasa K J proprietrix M/s Envision Group**, failed to pay the outstanding dues to the Bank. Therefore a Demand Notice dated 10.07.2019 under Sec. 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (for short called as "The Act"), was issued by the Authorized Officer calling upon **M/s Envison group Proprietrix Manasa K J, Borrower(s), Mr. Channegowda K J** S/o Kempaiah, Guarantor(s), liable to the Bank to pay the amount due to the tune of **Rs.17,52,506.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs fifty two thousand five hundred and six only)** as on 10.07.2019 with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon.Both failed to make payment despite issuance of Demand Notice dated 10.07.2019. As Mrs. Manasa K J proprietrix M/s Envison group failed to make payment despite Demand Notice, the Authorized Officer took possession of the schedule mentioned properties under the Act on 27.09.2019 after complying with all legal formalities.As per Sec.13 (4) of the Act, Secured Creditor is entitled to effect sale of the assets taken possession of and realize the proceeds towards outstanding balance. In accordance with the same, the undersigned / Authorized Officer intends to sell the schedule mentioned securities in the following mode:**THE SALE PROPOSED TO BE HELD IS BY WAY OF PUBLIC TENDER /AUCTION ADOPTING THE e-AUCTION MODE.**As per Rule 6 (2) and 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 framed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, 15 days notice of intended sale is required to be given and hence we are issuing this notice.The amount due as on 12.03.2021 is **Rs.14,41,955.14 (Rupees Fourteen lakhs forty one thousand Nine hundred fifty five and paise fourteen Only)** with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 13.03.2021. Please take note that this is notice of 15 days and the schedule mentioned properties shall be sold under the Act by the undersigned/Authorized Officer any time after 15 days.**The date of sale is fixed as 16.04.2021 which would be by e-auction mode.** Inspection of the scheduled properties and related documents/up to date EC etc by the intending purchasers/bidders may be done at their expense on 07.04.2021 between **10.00 am to 4.00 pm.**The Reserve price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the sale of the secured assets is fixed as mentioned in the schedule.The Tender/bid Form with the Terms and conditions can be had on-line from the website (**https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com**) and using the provision in the system/software. The tender form and the terms and conditions would be available in the website **from 23.03.2021 to 15.04.2021 from 10.00am to 7.00 pm.**The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register with online portal **(https:// www. Mstcecommerce. com / auctionhome/ibapi)** using their mobile number and email id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers have to transfer the EMD amount in his Global EMD Wallet **by 15.04.2021 i.e** before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction.Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online or after generation of Challan from the website **(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/ auctionhome/ibapi) for depositing in bidders Global EMD Wallet.** NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as **Cheques will not be accepted.** Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest.The Authorized Officer/Bank has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/ postpone/ cancel the sale without assigning any reason therefor.The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, including EMD amount (10%) deposited, latest by the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft /Account Transfer and/ or any other acceptable mode of money transfer. The Nodal Bank account no. / IFSC Code etc. for online money transfer is as under.

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Nodal Bank Account No. and A/c. Name	Branch name and IFS Code
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In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property.The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor.The sale is made on "As is where is and as is what is" basis and no representations and warranties are given by the Bank relating to encumbrance, Statutory liabilities etc.If the e-auction fails owing to any technical snag etc., the same may be re-scheduled by issuing 7 days prior notice.***This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor (this portion may be retained if it is a non-suit filed account)*****This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor and without prejudice to rights of the Secured Creditor to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/ DRAT/ Court and proceed with the execution of order/decree obtained/to be obtained. (This portion may be retained if it is a suit filed account)

SCHEDULE:The specific details of the assets which are intended to be brought to sale are enumerated hereunder:

Date, Time for e-auction and Property ID No.16.04.2021 10 am to 4 pm Property ID:IDIB000B02	Prior Encumbrance NIL

Details/ Description of Mortgaged Assets: All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property with all appurtenances at Municipal No 13 &14, Assessment no 71, near Sri Nanjundeshwara Temple, Kapila Nagar, Srigandhadakaval, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet totally measuring 2400 sq ft and the property bounded on the East by Site No. 25 & 26,West by Road,North by Site No 12,South by Road

Reserve Price:Rs.58.94 Lakhs EMD:Rs.5,89,400/-

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**www.mstcecommerce.com**) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com** and for EMD status please contact **ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com**For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://ibapi.in** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.

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Date:20.03.2021, Place:Bengaluru **The Authorised Officer, (Indian Bank)**

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CORRIGENDUM

The Sale notice published on **26.03.2021** in **Indian Express pertaining to Late M Mariyappa,** Description of the immovable/ movable assets With Respect to Residential property bearing No.111/2/1, Kogilu, Agrahara main Road, Near Vagdevi International School, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore, PIN : 560064 measuring East to West 15 feet, North to South 38 feet and bounded by East: by Road, West : by land belonging to Venkatappa S/o Gullappa, North : by land belonging to Ramaswamappa, South : by Sy.No.62 belongs to Nagarathnamma and Mohan. Instead of

All that piece and parcel of land and buildings existing and/or to be constructed thereon and shown under Schedule 'B' below together with easementary and appurtenants thereto Commercial site measuring 3300 Sq. Ft along with building having a total constructed area of 3365 Sq. Ft bearing 111/2/1 measuring 110*30 at Kogilu, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore north Taluk, Bangalore in the name of Late Sri. M Mariyappa valuing 234.90 Lakhs as per Valuation Report dated 30.05.2020 by panel valuer K Nataraj. Boundaries: East : by Road, West: by land belonging to Venkatappa S/o Gullappa, North: by land belonging to Ramaswamappa, South: by Sy.No.62 belongs to Nagarathnamma and Mohan. All other details & conditions unchanged.

Date: 27.03.2021 **Sd/- Authorised officer,**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby intimated that my client is willing to purchase the Schedule property Item I and II mentioned below and the title and revenue documents are forwarded to us by the owners of the property to ascertain their marketable titles and right of encumbrance over the Schedule property, which is more fully detailed to in the schedule mentioned below. Any person / institution / firm / entry / trust / Board / financial institution or claiming to have any nature of claim / right / title/ Interest over the below mentioned properties may file / lodge their claim / objections to the undersigned within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publishing this Notice, failing which my clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction in respect of the Schedule Properties which is free from all kind of encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No. I : ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the residentially converted Vacant land (Converted vide Orders of Assistant Commissioner, Doddaballapura Sub Division, Bangalore in No. ALN SR(DE)210/2005-06, dated: 3.01.2006) bearing Sy.No. 8/P10, measuring 4 Acres, situated at Thindlu Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the:

EAST BY : Land belonging to Sri. M. Tippayya;
WEST BY : Land belonging to Sri. N. Nagaraju;
NORTH BY : Land belonging to Smt. Pillamma;
SOUTH BY : Aradeshana Halli, Devanahlli Road.

ITEM No. II : ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the residentially converted Vacant land (Converted vide Orders of Assistant Commissioner, Doddaballapura Sub Division, Bangalore in No. ALN SR(DE)217/2005-06, dated: 3.01.2006) bearing Sy.No. 191/1, (earlier Sy.No. 191) measuring 2 Acres, situated at Thindlu Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the:

EAST BY : Portion of Land bearing Sy.No. 8;
WEST BY : Land bearing Sy.No. 191/2;
NORTH BY : Land bearing Sy.No. 190;
SOUTH BY : Land bearing Sy.No. 8/P10.

Sri. RAMU .S, B.Sc., L.L.B., P.G.D.L.L.,
Advocate
No.519, 9th Main, 33rd Cross,
Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-11.

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No:- Actt/2020-21/706 Dated:- 22/3/21

Notice Inviting Bid No.11/2020-21

Tender is invited from eligible bidders up to **21.04.2021** for the work of Rehabilitation of Damti Kokra M.I.P Teh. Mandalgarh Under RWSLIP. The estimated cost of Work is Rs. **206.15 Lakh.** For other particulars may be visited on the procurement portal (i) **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** (ii) **www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** and departmental website (iii) **www.water.rajasthan.gov.in**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed quotations are invited from Reputed/ Authorized firms for supply and installation of Equipment under AICTE/MODROBS Project Entitled **"Development of a Bio-medical laboratory for Testing, Calibration and Development of bio medical devices".** Details and specification of requirements can be downloaded from college website www.drait.edu.in or collect from the college store section. The filled Quotation shall be attached with a DD of Rs.500/- drawn in favor of the Principal Dr.AIT, Bangalore-56.

Last date for downloading or collecting tender forms along with specifications from college website or store section is on or before **22.04.2021** and submit the sealed quotations on or before **23.04.2021 by 1.00 PM.** Quotations will be opened on the same day i.e. **23.04.2021 at 4.00 PM.**

Sd/- Principal **Sd/- Secretary, PVPWT**

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NASA's all-clear on big asteroid

SPACE

WHEW, now here's some good cosmic news: NASA has given Earth the all clear for the next century from a particularly menacing asteroid.

The space agency announced this week that new telescope observations have ruled out any chance of Apophis smacking Earth in 2068.

That's the same 1,100-foot space rock that was supposed to come frighteningly close in 2029 and again in 2036. NASA ruled out any chance of a strike during those two close approaches a while ago. But a potential 2068 collision still loomed. First detected in 2004, Apophis is now officially off NASA's asteroid "risk list."

EXFILE • HISTORY

In a first, UK university to return looted African sculpture

Even as a global debate gathers pace over the restitution of ancient artworks, the University of Aberdeen is to return a Benin bronze sculpture to Nigeria, saying it was acquired by British soldiers in 1897 in "reprehensible circumstances"

1897 It was originally taken in 1897, when a British military expedition attacked and destroyed Benin City, looting thousands of metal and ivory sculptures and carvings, known as the Benin bronzes, from the royal palace. Benin City, in present-day southern Nigeria, was the seat of a powerful West African kingdom at the time

BRITISH PILLAGING

The university called it "one of the most notorious examples of the pillaging of cultural treasures associated with 19th century European colonial expansion"

"It would not have been right to have retained an item of such great cultural importance that was acquired in such reprehensible circumstances," said university vice-chancellor George Boyne

HISTORICAL CRIMES

The metal plaques and sculptures that decorated the royal palace of the Kingdom of Benin between the 16th and 18th centuries are now scattered around European museums, after being looted by the British at the end of the 19th century

Most European former colonial powers have begun a process in recent years of considering the return of looted artefacts to the former colonies, especially in Africa

1957

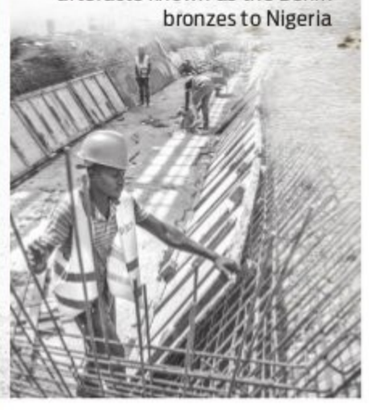
The University of Aberdeen is the first institution to agree to the full repatriation from a museum of a Benin bronze, raising pressure on other establishments, including the British Museum, to follow suit. The university acquired the bronze sculpture depicting an *Oba* (king) of Benin at auction in 1957, and it is considered a classic example of Benin Late Period Art

NEW MUSEUM

Some museums support the creation of the Edo Museum of West African Art in Benin City to house the looted artefacts

These include the British Museum, which cannot legally give up possession of its artefacts and is reportedly considering lending its bronzes

Germany is also considering handing back a set of precious artefacts known as the Benin bronzes to Nigeria



SALVAGER AIMS TO UNBLOCK SUEZ CANAL WITHIN DAYS

Company hopes to harness power of heavy tugboats, dredging and high tides to free 4-football-field-long ship & reopen vital trade route

TECHNOLOGY

SUEZ: A giant container ship remained stuck sideways in Egypt's Suez Canal for a fifth day Saturday, as authorities prepared to make new attempts to free the vessel and reopen a crucial east-west waterway for global shipping.

The Ever Given, a Panama-flagged ship that carries cargo between Asia and Europe, ran aground Tuesday in the narrow canal that runs between Africa and the Sinai Peninsula.

The massive vessel got stuck in a single-lane stretch of the canal, about 6 km north of the southern entrance, near the city of Suez.

In a press conference Saturday in Suez, the head of the canal authority, Lt. Gen. Osama Rabei, told reporters that they could not lay out a set timetable for when the ship might be dislodged. He said he remained hopeful that a dredging operation could free the ship without having to resort to lighten it by removing its cargo.

The MV Ever Given was still stuck in the Suez Canal on Saturday | MAXAR VIA AP

"It's difficult to deal with easily," he said.

A maritime traffic jam grew to around 321 vessels near Port Said on the Mediterranean Sea, Port Suez on the Red Sea and in the canal system on Egypt's Great Bitter Lake, according to Rabei.

Peter Berdowski, CEO of Boskalis, the salvage firm hired to extract the Ever Given, said the company hoped to pull the container ship free within days using a combination of heavy tugboats, dredging and high tides.

He told the Dutch current affairs show Nieuwsuur on Friday night that the front of the ship is stuck in sandy clay, but the rear "has not been completely pushed into the clay and that is positive because you can use the rear end to pull it free."

Berdowski said two large tugboats were on their way to the canal and are expected to arrive over the weekend. He said the company aims to harness the power of the tugs, dredging and tides, which he said are expected to be up to 50 cm higher Saturday.

"The combination of the (tug) boats we will have there, more ground dredged away and the high tide, we hope that will be enough to get the ship free somewhere early next week," he said.

If that doesn't work, the company will remove hundreds of containers from the front of the ship to lighten it, effectively lifting the ship to make it easier to pull free, Berdowski said.

A crane was already on its way that can lift the containers off the ship, he said.

The salvage mission was turning its focus to the ship's lodged bow, after some progress was made towards freeing the ship's stern, the canal service provider Leth Agencies said Saturday.

Shoei Kisen, the company that owns the giant container ship said the company was considering removing containers to lighten the vessel if other refloating efforts fail.

The White House said it has offered to help Egypt reopen the canal. "We have equipment and capacity that most countries don't have and we're seeing what we can do and what help we can be," President Joe Biden told reporters Friday.

Rabei, the canal authority head, said the winds were one of the factors but "not the only cause" of the incident. He did not rule out human error.

FROM THE PAST

France's role in 1994 genocide in Rwanda

HISTORY

PARIS: France bears overwhelming responsibilities over the 1994 genocide in Rwanda and was "blind" to preparations for the massacres, a report by historians said Friday, while adding there was no evidence Paris was complicit in the killings.

A historical commission set up by President Emmanuel Macron concluded there had been a "failure" on the part of France under former leader Francois Mitterrand over the genocide that saw 8,00,000 people slaughtered, mainly from the ethnic Tutsi minority.

The genocide between April and July of 1994 began after the death of Rwanda's Hutu president Juvenal Habyarimana.

"Is France an accomplice to the genocide of the Tutsi? If by this we mean a willingness to join a genocidal operation, nothing in the archives that were examined demonstrates this," the report's conclusions said. "Nevertheless, for a long time, France was involved with a regime that encouraged racist massacres... It remained blind to the preparation of a genocide by the most radical elements of this regime."

Brazil reels as world's worst virus crisis pushes up deaths

HEALTH

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazil currently accounts for one-quarter of the entire world's daily Covid-19 deaths, far more than any other single nation, and health experts are warning that the nation is on the verge of even greater calamity.

The nation's seven-day average of 2,400 deaths stands to reach to 3,000 within weeks, six experts told the Associated Press. That's nearly the worst level seen by the U.S., though Brazil has two-thirds its population. Spikes of daily deaths could soon hit 4,000; on Friday there were 3,650.

Having glimpsed the abyss, there is growing recognition shutdowns are no longer avoidable -- not just among experts, but also many mayors and governors. Restrictions on activity they implemented last year were half-hearted and consistently sabotaged by President Jair Bolsonaro, who sought to stave off economic doom. He remains unconvinced of any need for clampdown, which leaves local leaders pursuing a patchwork of measures to prevent the death toll from spiraling further.

> **People are dying and, if everything continues as is, God only knows what could happen. No one knows this disease's limit. No one knows how many variants could emerge** — Rio's Mayor Eduardo Paes

Coronavirus patients at a field hospital set up at a sports gym in Sao Paulo | AFP

It may be too late, with a more contagious variant rampaging across Brazil. For the first time, new daily cases topped 100,000 on March 25. Miguel Nicolelis, professor of Neurobiology at Duke University who advised several Brazilian governors and mayors on pandemic control, anticipates the total death toll reaching 5,00,000 by July and exceeding that of the US by year-end.

"We have surpassed levels never imagined for a country with a public health care system, a history of efficient immunization campaigns and health workers who are second to none in the world," said Nicolelis, who is also an epidemiologist. "The next stage is the health system collapse."

The system is already buckling, with almost all states' intensive care units near or at capacity.

Travel boom in virtual reality

TECHNOLOGY

Strict lockdowns and travel limitations during the pandemic have sparked fresh interest in immersive virtual travel experiences, which have become more accessible and affordable with new apps and VR hardware. Even those confined to their homes can take a virtual jaunt to Machu Picchu, the rainforests of Borneo or a road trip across the United States in a convertible. Data on VR travel usage is limited but developers have seen surging interest since the pandemic hit. "It has been skyrocketing," said Cezara Windrem, creator of Alcove VR at AARP Innovation Labs. "We're getting more adoption every month."

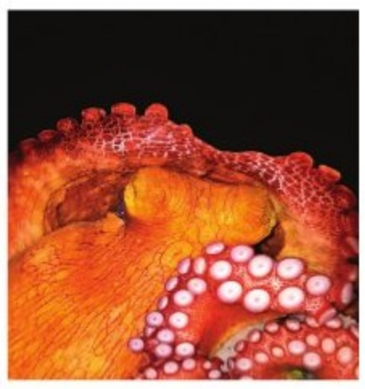
ROOTS OF COLD TOOTH PAIN

HEALTH

Ever thought why cold induces tooth pain and hypersensitivity? Researchers said that odontoblasts — the cells that form a tooth's dentin — have a newly discovered function of sensing cold, which can trigger pain in teeth.The researchers, including Jochen Lennerz from Massachusetts General Hospital, have also found a way to block the pathway to cold-sensitive teeth. Many people have experienced pain from cold when they have a hole in a tooth from an untreated cavity.

COMPLEX BRAINS

Octopuses may have dreams, 2 distinct kinds of sleep



RESEARCH

AN octopus named Marshmallow lies at rest at the bottom of her tank, suddenly shifting in color from a pale white-green to brown and then orange, as her muscles twitch, suckers contract and her closed eyes shift around. This moment was captured in remarkable footage shot by scientists in Brazil, who published a new study in the journal iScience on Thursday that says the sophisticated cephalopods experience at least two different types of sleep.

One of these states, which they dubbed "active sleep," is akin to rapid eye movement in mammals, birds and some reptiles -- raising the intriguing possibility that, like humans, octopuses experience dreams.

"Octopuses are unique in terms of their complexity, both behavioral and neural," senior author Sidarta Ribeiro of the Brain Institute of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil told AFP, noting they have the most complex brains of any invertebrates.

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BENGALURU – 560 001

SENIOR SALES OFFICER

Amul CHEESE

Cheese Cubes
1 kg | ₹505*

Cheese slices
200 g | ₹122*

Gouda Cheese Cube
200 g | ₹144*

Diced Blend Cheese
200 g | ₹105*

Cheese Spread Plain
200 g | ₹85*

Cheddar Cheese Block
250 g | ₹155*

Cheese Block
200 g | ₹106*

Mozzarella Pizza Cheese
200 g | ₹100*

*MRP (incl. of all taxes), Conditions apply.